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'Frustration' caused BCBC councillor to call for Brexit voters to be 'laid off first'



Councillor David White's Facebook post, which has drawn criticism.

A BRIDGEND County Borough Councillor has reacted to the news of potential job losses at the Nissan plant in Sunderland by claiming that "all those that voted to leave should be laid off first".

Cllr David White, who is the Labour councillor for Newcastle ward, made the claims on the 'Bridgend for Europe' Facebook page on Saturday, February 1.

Describing the comments - the post has now been deleted from the page - as "shocking", Cllr Tom Giffard, Leader of the Conservative Group on Bridgend County Borough Council said: "These disgraceful comments come at a time when people who work at the Bridgend Ford factory are understandably concerned about their jobs and families; this Labour councillor is determined to punish people for the way they voted instead and play politics with people's finances and livelihoods."

"Whichever way you voted in the referendum, suggesting people should lose their job based on the way they voted, is wholly inappropriate and it's worth bearing in mind this comes only a few months after another BCBC Labour councillor claimed a 'massive recession' as a result of leaving the EU would be a 'good thing.' "Council Leader, Cllr Huw David needs to get a grip of his group who seem more determined to punish people for voting to leave the EU than to help Bridgend prosper. He needs to distance himself and the council from these comments by removing this councillor from the Labour Group on the council immediately."

The GEM approached Cllrs White and David for comment.

In response, Council Leader Huw David said: "Cllr White was of course wrong to post this. I have been crystal clear with him that it was unacceptable and he has apologised unreservedly."

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Burglary in Porthcawl

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for information following a burglary in Porthcawl.

The burglary took place around 6.40am on Saturday, February 2 at Poplar Crescent, Porthcawl. Stolen items include a pink purse. Officers are appealing

for anyone with information to come forward. Anyone who may have seen someone acting suspiciously in the area, is asked to call 101 quoting reference 1900039963.

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Recycling is a success... but Council is locked in to waste contract costing an extra £1.3 million a year!

AN "outdated" rubbish contract with a neighbouring local authority is costing Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) £1.3m a year that it doesn't need to spend, according to the council's interim chief executive.

The contract, which sees all of Bridgend's non-recyclable waste taken to the Materials Recovery and Energy Centre (MREC) in Neath Port Talbot, started around 15 years ago.

The long-term contract is based on a fixed price, minimum tonnage of waste, rather than the

actual tonnage delivered to the facility.

It means that, despite Bridgend's recycling rates having rocketed over the last few years, the local authority is not reaping the benefits of sending far less waste to be processed there.

Neath Port Talbot Council (NPTC) runs the waste processing and incinerator plant in Crymlyn Burrows.

Bridgend's interim chief executive Mark Shephard said: "The issue is that £1.3m is a really big chunk of our savings in the medium term financial strategy."

"We pay a lot of money for our disposal of black/blue bag waste

at the MREC.

"We have been talking to NPTC for a number of years about changing the contract."

"We thought we reached an agreement last year for a new operator to run the centre which would have given us that saving but NPTC cabinet didn't want to go with that."

"Since then we have been in discussions with NPTC around delivering that same level of saving."

"There are a variety of options - we know there are market solutions out there that can give us that saving."

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Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On January 30: first, Tony Disley and John Evans; second, Graham Jones and Irene Thomas; third, Irene Wickham and Glyn Williams. The winners on handicap were Graham Jones and Irene Thomas.
 On January 31: first, Maggie Ashpole and Stuart Davies; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; third, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins. The winners on handicap were Maggie Ashpole and Stuart Davies.
 On February 1: first, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan; third, Dave and Debbie Lea. The winners

on handicap were Dave and Debbie Lea.
 Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm; to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.
 On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.
 On Thursday at 1pm, Steve Burgoyne will continue his series of seminars on the rules of bridge. **GJ**

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Paul, branch director of Bridge Samaritans receiving a cheque for £1,000 from Rob James donated on behalf of the Adare Masonic Lodge, Bridgend.

Can you help and support Bridgend Samaritans?

BRIDGEND Samaritans are looking for supporters to step forward and help by taking on some tasks for the local branch.

Although 'listening volunteers' are always needed, there are other ways that people can help.

At the moment, the branch is looking for:

- A fundraising volunteer to work with others to raise funds for the branch. Each branch of the Samaritans is responsible for its own funds, and it cost £26,235 to fund the Bridgend branch's work during the year ending March 31 2018.

- Publicity Officer – do you have local contacts with the press and media? If you do, could you support our activities on a voluntary basis?

- Volunteer Treasurer – the branch wishes to appoint a treasurer with

effect April 1, 2019: minimum term of office 12 months.

There is, of course, a continuing need for listening volunteers – do you have what it takes to become a listening volunteer? The branch trains new volunteers three times a year, and is currently recruiting for the spring training opportunity.

For more information regarding the Samaritans visit our website: www.samaritans.org. If you are interested in applying for one of the roles, contact our recruitment team email bridgendselection@gmail.com. In addition you could use our national help line. We can be contacted using 1166123; it's free to ring and we are available 24 hours per day.

John Osborne
 Director, Bridgend Samaritans
 2 Green Street, Bridgend CF31 1HF.

Councillor apologises for social media post

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 Councillor David added: "It goes without saying that his comments do not reflect the view of the council. We are working hard to mitigate against the UK government's shambolic handling of Brexit, and that anyone's job could be at risk because of two years of complete uncertainty about our future is a damning indictment of this chaotic government."

Cllr David White said: "I apologise for my post, which was issued in sheer frustration at how Brexit uncertainty is threatening jobs and investment in this country."

"I wouldn't wish losing a job on anyone in real life, and I shouldn't have done it online."

"Misplacing the blame doesn't help to bring us all together, and I will certainly be considering the effect of what I post in future."

Highlighting the message, and tagging in Jeremy Corbyn, as well as the UK Labour Party, Bridgend County Independents said: "Excuse us, is this

acceptable from one of your Labour councillors in South Wales?"

The GEM has again turned to motoring columnist and industry analyst Hayley Pells, of Bridgend's Avia Autos, for her expert opinion on the Nissan news that caused Cllr White's late-night outburst.

She said: "Because of Brexit? "The decision for Nissan to pull the X-Trail from Sunderland is far from simple. The £61m is still on offer from our government."

"Originally the criteria stated that this model would be built in the UK, but dwindling diesel sales and the lucrative Japan/EU Trade agreement simply don't make this viable."

"Agility is key, switching to the development of products that consumers desire will keep Britain busy."

"I don't think Margaret Thatcher's promises with Nissan are going to be destroyed if Nissan chooses to reapply for its funding."

AJ

Porthcawl watchers are the second-busiest across UK

THE National Coastwatch station at Porthcawl opened in 2016 and with a crew of 40 volunteer watchkeepers, it operates seven days a week all year round, keeping a visual and radio watch for vessels and individuals which may be in difficulty.

The station handled a total of 62 incidents in 2018, representing a 40 per cent increase over the 2017 figures and making it the second busiest station in the UK for the second year running.

These incidents were varied in nature, ranging from stranded porpoises to full Mayday scenarios, during which the station works closely with other organisations such as the local Coastguard rescue teams at Porthcawl and Llantwit Major, Porthcawl RNLi and the lifeguard teams.

Our new CCTV system has been installed, tested and proven to be a vital addition to our station. We now have coverage of both Newton and Rest Bays, areas which were previously difficult to monitor.

In a probable 'UK first' for the station, secure CCTV links have been provided for both HM Coastguard and the RNLi, allowing them to monitor incidents which have been reported within those areas.

Porthcawl NCI have a major fundraising event on Thursday, March 28 at the Grand Pavilion - a choral evening featuring Kenfig Hill and District Male Voice Choir, their youth choir Crescendo and the children's choir Da Capo.

The evening also features special guest soloist Charlotte Vaughan (who appeared in the West End production *Phantom of the Opera*) and is composed by Mr Dean Powell. Tickets are available from the Grand Pavilion box office. All proceeds benefit Porthcawl NCI.

Porthcawl NCI is volunteer-run and self-funding, relying on such events as this to allow us to provide our coastal surveillance facility in Porthcawl and the surrounding areas.

We thank you once again for your support.

Nick Weedon

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Law firm partners with Bridgend schools

FIFTY-SIX of Bridgend county borough's 59 schools have signed up to a new collaborative way of accessing legal services, the first of its kind for the education sector in Wales.

As part of the group, Bridgend schools will go to Cardiff-based firm Capital Law for legal advice.

By providing a legal services hotline to the schools, as well as collating and sharing legal updates and responses to any questions asked, Capital Law will be able to distribute legal advice on a range of topics to all the schools in the scheme.

A spokeswoman said: "Because Capital has a dedicated education law team that specialises in working with schools, as well as further

and higher education institutes, its advice will cover the whole range of legal services that education organisations need."

Helen Rowland, Associate at Capital Law, said: "We are looking forward to working with Bridgend schools, not only on the challenges they currently face but pre-empting future challenges and preparing them for what they may face in a constantly evolving environment."

Lindsay Harvey, corporate director of education and family support for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), said: "This is a really exciting new model – and it's fantastic that, as a Wales-first, it's taking place in Bridgend. We've got some brilliant schools in the area, and to be able to group together and access legal services in such an innovative way will be transformative for Bridgend county borough schools."

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL FEBRUARY 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
07 Thur	07.59	9.5	20.19	9.4
08 Fri	08.34	9.4	20.48	9.3
09 Sat	09.05	9.3	21.18	9.1
10 Sun	09.37	9.0	21.49	8.8
11 Mon	10.11	8.7	22.26	8.5
12 Tues	10.52	8.2	23.12	8.1
13 Wed	11.45	7.9	N/A	N/A
14 Thur	00.14	7.7	12.57	7.7

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Local multi-instrumentalist John impresses in national music competition

A BRIDGEND singer/songwriter is gearing up for a potential big breakthrough in the music scene after winning a national Firestone competition – and an iconic van to tour the country in.

Bridgend's John Nicholas beat more than 550 acts to win Firestone's Road to the Main Stage grassroots competition, which gives unsigned bands and musicians from every genre the chance to get noticed by influential industry figures and the music-loving public alike.

The 28-year-old, who draws inspiration from Bruce Springsteen, John Mayer and Ray Lamontagne, entered the competition back in September and has made his way through various stages to eventually prevail. John had to conquer a rigorous initial selection process, a public vote to decide

the finalists where he collected over 1,000 votes, and the pressures of performing in front of a live audience against Liverpool-based alternative band Scarlet and Primal, a trio from Nottingham, in the grand final.

On the evening, John was selected by an expert judging panel of British Awarded Country star Jade Helliwell, Q assistant editor Chris Catchpole, influencer and musician Annie Wagstaff and producer Jayce Lewis, playing a two song set that impressed for its energy and lyrical content. His success caps off a whirlwind three years as a professional musician.

A top prize of a Volkswagen Transporter for future tours has been gladly received, not to mention the chance to play at a top UK music festival in the summer, a headline slot at Abbie McCarthy's Good Karma Club and the



John Nicholas.

opportunity to record two songs with Jayce Lewis at Northstone Studios.

John, whose latest EP 'What My Eyes Fail to See', has received airtime on national radio stations, said that Firestone's Road to the Main Stage had given him a launchpad for bigger things: "I entered the competition out-of-the-blue, never expecting to get further than the first stage. Winning the whole thing is

incredible.

"It was the perfect boost and it came at the right time for me. Since winning, I've seen an increased interest in my music on social media, I've got a big tour coming up and I'm in studio recording an album.

"I've made some fantastic contacts through the competition and they're still in touch now, supporting and advising me. My next big aim is to tour the US!"

BCBC gets funding for highways projects

A NUMBER of highways improvements will progress "very quickly" in Bridgend after receiving funding from the Welsh Government, a senior county councillor has said.

Speaking at a full Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) meeting on Wednesday, January 24 the cabinet member for communities, Cllr Richard Young, said: "I am delighted to inform you that in addition to a £2.5 million bridge strengthening programme which is going to target two bridges at Blackmill, all four of the highways and transportation initiatives which we submitted for consideration under round two of the Local Transport Fund Programme have been successful.

"Welsh Government has confirmed that it will provide £60,000 for the

Penprysg Road bridge at Pencoed, £40,000 for improving the junction of Heol Simmonston and Coychurch Road, £25,000 for enhancements along the A4063 between Sam and Maesteg, and a further £25,000 for assorted bus corridor improvements.

"Under the terms of the funding the money must be used by the end of March, and work will progress very quickly to ensure that this deadline can be met."

He added: "Meanwhile, the bridge works at Blackmill are going to ensure that heavy goods vehicles can continue to use this key route."

"It will support valley traders and residents alike, all while ensuring that an important and popular community route remains safe to use."

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Bridgend Quiz League results and teasers

HERE are the latest results from the Bridgend Quiz League:

Cup competition: Penybont AFC Nomads 67, Five Bells A 39;

Crown Maesteg 53, Tondur Railway Club 75.

Plate competition: Laleston Inn B 58, TyRisha Arms 64;

Mackworth Arms 56, Pheasant Gamekeepers 54.

This week's teasers are:

1. The largest cathedral in the UK can be found in which city?

2. Which small, furry rodent, similar in size to a rabbit, is native to the Andes in South America?

3. Which book chronicles the history of the French invasion of Russia through the stories of five Russian aristocratic families?

SK

Answers: 1. Liverpool
2. Chinchilla
3. War and Peace

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Porthcawl Lions celebrate Burns' Night



ON January 25, the Porthcawl Lions marked Burns' Night at the Hi Tide, Porthcawl.

The annual event, arranged by Lions Ian and Aileen was well attended and guests enjoyed a traditional celebration to the Scottish bard with the piping in and addressing of the haggis.

Porthcawl museum arranged a raffle with Ceri and Paul Joseph from the museum did the time-honoured toast to the lads and lassies. Porthcawl Lion Andrew Collier gave an entertaining address and other entertainment was supplied by piper John Campbell. The evening finished with guests taking to the floor for some Scottish dancing with some hilarious attempts to master some, if not all, of the steps.

The generosity of the guests allowed the Lions and the museum to raise over £400, helping to fund the continued good work of the museum in enhancing community appreciation of local heritage, and for the Lions to continue their work in supporting local, national and international charitable and humanitarian causes.

The next two major events which the Lions will stage are the annual May Fair, to be held, as usual, at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl on May 6; with the annual golf tournament taking place on June 7.

Full details of the May Fair will follow, but to enter a team into the golf tournament please call David on 01656 772598.

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Plans are made to end council tax relief on empty properties in area

OWNERS of properties which have been empty for more than six months will lose their 50 per cent council tax discount under new plans being drawn up by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

It is estimated that around 1,200 people across the county will be affected by the changes that, if approved, will come into force on April 1.

The local authority says removing the discount should help tackle issues with empty properties where owners have let them to fall into disrepair.

It is part of a wider strategy to deal with empty homes which involves using enforcement action such as Compulsory Purchase Orders, enforced sales and taking over the management of properties.

Under the plans the 50 per cent discount will no longer apply to:

- A property remaining empty and unfurnished after the initial six month exemption.

- A property that has been under renovation for longer than 12 months.

- A property remaining empty after the six months probate exemption has expired.

- A property that is unoccupied but furnished and actively marketed for let or sale.

The council ended the 50 per cent council tax discount on second homes and holiday lets in 2000.

Council officers say ending the discount could mean an additional £933,000 is raised in council tax in 2019/20.

But due to the way Welsh Government works out the annual funding grant for local authorities at the moment, the council will not benefit in direct financial terms from the additional money.

Officers also point out that full collection is "not a realistic assumption" due to there being an element of non-payment.

Councillors were due to vote on the plans at a full council meeting on Wednesday, January 23.

But the decision was deferred after councillors asked whether officers could have discretionary powers to consider exceptional circumstances when dealing with probate cases.

Cllr Norah Clarke (Independent) said: "We need to understand it's a very delicate situation when a member of your family passes away and you need to sell their house."

"Probate can take quite a long time, longer than six months, probably up to a couple of years."

Cllr Stuart Baldwin (Labour) said families would have six months of a reduction.

He said: "While I recognise the emotional strains on families after a bereavement the family has six months at a reduced council tax rate before the 100 per cent kicks in."

"Having previously worked covering empty properties in the valleys there have been cases of houses being left for 20 years – that's 20 years of a home sitting empty when we

continue to see homelessness rise."

Cllr Tim Thomas (Plaid Cymru) said empty properties ran the risk of becoming magnets for anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping, and asked whether the council had considered charging owners double the council tax rates for some properties left empty.

Deputy leader Cllr Hywel Williams (Labour) said the council wanted to put the first policy change in place to see how successful it was before looking at further sanctions.

Cllr Matthew Voisey (Conservative) added: "Empty properties are a blight – it's disgraceful to see properties that could be homes left unused."

"We have all got them in our wards – I do believe that using our powers of taxation to change behaviour is a rational approach."

The move to end the council tax discount on empty properties after six months will come back before full council in February.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Funding agreed for next wave of new schools in the county borough



Cabinet and ward members from Bridgend County Borough Council at the new Ysgol Gynradd Gynraeg Calon Y Cymoedd.

CABINET members at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have announced the next stage of its school building programme.

Ysgol Gynradd Gynraeg Calon Y Cymoedd opened at the start of January in Bettws, joining the adjacent Bettws Primary School, Coety Primary School, Brynmenyn Primary School, Pencoe Primary School, and the Brynecethin Campus as new schools that have been built in the last five years, thanks to Band A of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Programme.

Funded on a 50:50 basis by BCBC and Welsh Government, the programme has also enabled the creation of two new additional

learning spaces at Heronsbridge School.

The council has revealed plans to deliver five more new schools through Band B of the programme over the next five to seven years.

New primary school provision will be built in the north east, south east and west of Bridgend county borough, and a new 270-place special school will serve the whole of the county borough.

The Band B schools are estimated to cost approximately £68.2m. The Welsh Government will allocate a higher proportion to Band B, a sum of £44.784m towards the programme with the council funding the rest.

Cllr Charles Smith, the council's cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "Over a decade ago we recognised the

need to modernise our schools and get a closer match between our aspirations for schools, the quality of their accommodation, and the projected number of pupils.

"It was also important for us to reduce surplus places and achieve the best value for money by making schools more efficient and sustainable. We are extremely proud of the schools that have been delivered in recent years and look forward to creating even more first-class learning environments that are fit for the 21st century.

"The locations of the new schools will be based on the increasing demand for places, Welsh language provision, and building conditions. We'll be announcing further developments soon."

'Bank closures need to be checked,' say AMs

MEMBERS of the Welsh Assembly are concerned at the closure of bank branches across south Wales.

Caroline Jones AM, formerly of UKIP, but now an independent, was recently made aware of the planned closure of a Barclays branch in Porthcawl and is calling for Barclays, and other banks, to reconsider their planned closures in Wales.

Discussing a letter sent to her regarding the closure, Ms Jones said: "I was disturbed to open my mail and find a letter outlining the closure of the Porthcawl Barclays branch on Friday, May 24. Local banking branches are of vital importance to some of the most vulnerable in our society, from the elderly who may have difficulty travelling to those who struggle with online banking, along with many concerned



Caroline Jones outside Porthcawl Barclay's branch holding her letter from Barclay's announcing its closure.

with the safety of online banking.

"It is a self-fulfilling prophecy. Banks are constantly pushing people towards alternative ways of banking, only to then use this as an excuse to close their branches. Of course, online banking is wonderful for some, but for others it's a nightmare that leaves people concerned for their

online safety and without a friendly face to help.

"Online will never be able to replicate the personal touch that comes from a local branch, and it isn't just Porthcawl where this is happening. Big banks are closing branches up and down Wales and while their bottom line profits might benefit from this – our communities will

certainly suffer. We need to call time on branch closures."

Regional AM Suzy Davies (Conservative) is also opposing plans by Barclays to close its branch.

Mrs Davies said: "Barclays states that footfall has gone down over the past year, but perhaps they need to remember that during this period they have reduced bank opening hours by closing on Wednesdays.

"Although Porthcawl has a reasonably large population in its own right, the bank may like to remember that during the summer, the population doubles because of the thousands of holidaymakers. Porthcawl is a major seaside resort which draws in thousands of day trippers. The town needs to offer a full range of facilities to its visitors and residents alike and banking is one of them."

Section 16 of the Commons Act 2006
Proposed deregistration of common land at
COITY WALLIA COMMON (CL 21)
Community of Heol y Cw
County Borough of Bridgend

1. Notice is hereby given that Wales & West Utilities has applied to the Welsh Ministers under section 16 of the Commons Act 2006 for land forming part of the above-mentioned registered common land (the "release land") to cease to be so registered.
2. The purpose of this application is to enable the construction of a new gas pressure reducing station (PRS) to facilitate the area of Heol y Cw. The existing PRS cannot be refurbished in its current location and after the construction of the new PRS on the release land the existing PRS on the replacement land will be decommissioned and dismantled.
3. It is proposed that the existing PRS (the replacement land) be registered as common land in place of the release land.
4. The release land is described in the First Schedule to this notice, and the replacement land is described in the Second schedule. On the plan referred to in paragraph 5 below, the release land is shown edged red, the replacement land is shown edged light green, and the boundary of the common is shown edged in dark green.
5. A copy of the application form and the plan showing the location of the lands can be inspected at Pencoe Library, Penybont Road, Pencoe, CF35 5RA between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm weekdays (not public holidays) until the 11th March 2019.
6. Any objections or representations in respect of the proposed deregistration and exchange should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE that date to: Planning Inspectorate Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk
7. Correspondence sent to The Planning Inspectorate Wales cannot be treated as confidential. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties

FIRST SCHEDULE
 (The release land)
 25 square metres of land forming part of Coity Wallia Common (Register unit CL21), Heol y Cw, Bridgend. The release land is located adjacent to the existing Pressure reducing gas station near Brynryg Housing estate, Heol y Cw. Release land outlined in red on the plan referred to in Paragraph 5 above.

SECOND SCHEDULE
 (The replacement land)
 25 square metres of land known as the existing Pressure reducing gas station near Brynryg Housing estate, Heol y Cw. Replacement land outlined in light green on the plan referred to in Paragraph 5 above.

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PACT meetings in the local area

REST BAY and NOTTAGE PACT meeting will be held at Nottage Scout Hall, Nottage on Tuesday, February 12 at 8pm.

LITCHARD, PENDRE and COITY PACT meeting will be held at Litchard Mission, Litchard on February 14 at 7pm.

PORHCRAWL EAST CENTRAL PACT meeting will be held at Porthcawl Fire Station, Porthcawl on Tuesday, February 19 at 6.30pm.

CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD and BRYNHIFYRD PACT meeting will be held at Westward Community Centre on Monday, February 25 at 7pm.

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February 25 at 7pm.

OGMORE VALLEY PACT meeting will be held at Dinam Close on Monday, February 25 at 6.30pm.

BETTWS PACT meeting will be held at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, February 14 at 2pm.

If you have any non-emergency issues affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team either by telephoning 101 or on the contact mobile telephone numbers or e-mail address, issued on the 'Your Neighbourhood' section of South Wales Police website, www.south-wales.police.uk for your respective area.

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Bridgend man convicted of growing cannabis plants in a bedroom

CANNABIS plants found growing in a bedroom in a house in Bridgend could have had a harvest worth up to £97,500, Cardiff Crown Court has heard, writes AJ SICLUNA.

The enterprise, by 28-year-old Rhys Judd, had about it "an element of sophistication" said Judge Niclas Parry.

Judd of Maes Gwair, had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of producing drugs and abstracting electricity.

Prosecutor Melissa Jones said that on April 26, a search warrant was executed at Judd's address.

They discovered 24 cannabis plants being grown in a bedroom which involved specialist

equipment for lighting and watering.

The electricity supply was by-passed and there was a loss of £377. There was also damage of £1,000.

She said that the yield from the cannabis, had it been sold on the street, would be worth £97,500.

Judd's counsel, Owen Williams, said he accepted there was a substantial amount of planning and a large number of plants in what he described as a "sophisticated set up".

He pointed out that Judd had no previous convictions for drugs offences.

"He was a cannabis user but has stopped. He is training to

be an HGV driver, has a stable relationship and lives with his pregnant partner. There are positive factors in his life and he has seen the error of his ways."

The Judge told him: "This was a commercial enterprise with an element of sophistication. There had been a previous harvest."

He added that in the past, Judd had been violent on many occasions.

"But he had not been in trouble for six years and the public would not be best served by you going to prison."

He was jailed for 14 months, the sentence suspended for two years and was ordered to carry out 300 hours of unpaid work.



Air rifle team holds youth proficiency course

LAST year Porthcawl Air Rifle Team (PART) held a Youth Proficiency Scheme (YPS) course with material provided by the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSRA).

PART and supporters provided all the equipment required for the course.

It is a structured course where the students learn about the statutory laws governing guns in this country and how to use them respectfully, and the different types of sport that use them.

This was then subsequently padded out with extra material and videos by Mr Kevin Cambourne and his team.

It was held in Kenfig Hill Labour Club (the home of PART) and conducted by the four NSRA air gun coaches and senior members of PART every Sunday evening for two hours, over 10 weeks.

We were pleasantly surprised at the outcome of the course as it was our first one, but all students passed well in both written and practical tests.

Our secretary, and one of coaches, Caroline King, started contacting people to be at the awards presentation to give the students their certificates and

badges of proficiency.

The task of setting up the presentation was given to Miss Jasmine King and her team.

Several local and Welsh Air Gun Association people who had provided help were invited to the ceremony, as was Brian Nye and his wife Carol who, as ex-PART members, were very supportive in this endeavour, and Mr Nye also took the evening's photos.

The captain of the Porthcawl air rifle team, Huw Walford, opened the proceedings and gave thanks to the coaches and the parents of the students for their support and the students for their complete attention and attendance at the course, all the invited people who supported the course and Mr Nye.

He then introduced David Phelps (who has not only won gold twice in his sport but is also a Commonwealth record holder too), who also commended the PART coaches on the work done.

He then gave a talk on his life in his sport, starting out at the age of seven at seven yards (6.4m) with pistols and small bore guns. He then took a sidestep into archery for four years before returning to rifles.

He has represented Wales over the years at 10m prone

(lying down) and at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, with a gold medal on his birthday.

He took questions from the audience, about equipment, favourite make of rifle and what specialist clothing he wore, practice.

Then came the awards ceremony as Miss J King and Mr Phelps called out the students: Master A Davies, Expert Shot; Miss AM Davies, Expert Shot; Master B Burke, Expert Shot; Miss M Burke, Expert Shot; Miss N Caudle, Marksman; Master T Caudle, Marksman; and Master T Collier, Marksman.

To close, Mr Walford presented a PART team cap to Mr Phelps and thanked him; he also presented to the Kenfig Hill Labour Club a photo of last year's winning PART team as a thank you for all the club's support, which was presented to the secretary David Jones.

A small buffet was laid on and the chatting and one-upmanship went on for hours!

The next course is full, but visit our Facebook page for more information.

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Ruff justice? Sniffer dogs take to town centre streets

THE latest crack-down on drugs in Bridgend town centre has led to four arrests.

Bridgend officers teamed up with a passive drugs dog as part of Operation Chesapeake to target trouble hot-spots in the town centre in particular around the bus station.

The drugs dog was used to detect any illegal drugs on people in the bus station along with a number of pubs in the town.

Twenty two stop-searches were carried out as part of the operation which took place on January 31. Four men were arrested, three on suspicion of drug offences and one on a prison recall.

The three arrested on suspicion of drug offences have been released under investigation.

This operation is part of continued drive to tackle anti-social behaviour, drugs and crime in the town centre. Officers who took part in the operation were from the neighbourhood policing teams, community safety partnership team, priority policing team, territorial support team, PCSOs along with a passive drugs dog and her handler.

Bridgend County Borough Council's licensing officers also took part in the operation carrying out licensing checks. Neighbourhood officers have been working closely with the local authority, traders and members of the

community, to address concerns about drug dealing in the town, in particular around the bus station area.

This operation follows on from a large-scale operation to tackle the supply of class A drugs in Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan. Operation Avalanche led to 44 arrests and disrupted drug supply in the town centre.

PC Darren Morris, licensing officer for Bridgend, said: "Drug use and supply, and anti-social behaviour are consistently highlighted as some of the main concerns of traders and people who visit Bridgend town centre. We are committed to doing all we can to stamp out these issues to ensure the town remains a safe and pleasant place to live and visit.

"This operation was not a one-off, we are continuously working with a range of partners, including the local authority to target these issues."

He added: "I would like to thank the community and the traders for their information and support. I would urge anyone with information about drug supply to contact 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."



Dog and handler in Bridgend town centre and bus station.

Police appeal after assault

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for witnesses to an attempted robbery which took place in Railway Terrace, Pontycymer.

A man in his 30s reported being approached by an unknown male on Sunday, February 3 shortly before 6.30am. The suspect assaulted the victim and then fled empty handed in the direction of Prospect Place. The victim sustained minor injuries in the attack.

Detective Inspector Andy Paddison said: "We are appealing for anyone who witnessed this incident to come forward. Anyone who may have seen someone acting suspiciously in the area or has any information which could assist this investigation, is asked to get in contact by calling 101 quoting reference number 1900041169 or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

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Astronomy Corner - Orion Revisited

THIS column has once before looked at Orion, but at this time of year, our attention cannot fail to be drawn to this most majestic of constellations in our southern evening skies, so it's well worth a second visit.

As we look at Orion the Hunter, we can see that one of its brightest stars, which lies at the constellation's upper left, is noticeably red in colour to the naked eye. This is Betelgeuse, a star which astronomers know will one day explode as a supernova. In fact, it may have already happened as the light from Betelgeuse takes between 430 and 650 million years to reach us.

Why the uncertainty over the star's distance from us? Betelgeuse is a red supergiant and because astronomers base their distance calculations on the amount of red shift in their light (as they move away from us), determining the distance of red giant stars causes some

difficulties.

Betelgeuse is one of the largest known stars and is truly enormous. It has a diameter of some 600 million miles compared to our own Sun's diameter of just less than a million miles. So it is more than 600 times bigger! If Betelgeuse was at the centre of our own solar system, it would swallow up not only the Earth but certainly also Mars, and possibly even Jupiter. Betelgeuse is near the end of its lifetime and will soon (astronomically speaking) run out of fuel, collapse under its own weight and then rebound in a spectacular supernova. When this happens, it will likely appear to be as bright as the Moon for several weeks or months, and be visible from Earth in daylight. It may not happen in our lifetimes, but no one really knows. It might not be for another million years, or it could be tomorrow! There is no need to worry, however, as Betelgeuse is too far away for its explosion to harm us here on Earth. It is generally thought that we would have to be within 50 light years of

a supernova for it to affect life on our home planet, and Betelgeuse is around 10 times that distance. Located at the bottom right of the hem of Orion's skirt is Rigel, another supergiant, but this time a blue one. Although we see them as part of the same constellation Rigel, at 1,000 light years, is twice as far away from the Earth as Betelgeuse. The great mystery of Orion, however, derives from the sizes and slight misalignment of the three stars in the Hunter's belt. They are a near perfect mimicry of the relative sizes and positioning of the three Giza pyramids in Egypt.

Not only that, the recently discovered 'air shafts' in the pyramids actually point directly towards Orion, with the apparent aim of projecting the soul of the entombed king out towards the constellation. The pyramids, far from being a memorial or commemorative tomb then were, perhaps, the starting point of this greatest of royal journeys.

Norman Lloyd



‘Sensitive’ access improvements are made to a Cadoxton church

ON February 3, Cadoxton Methodist Church was visited by Barry Town Mayor Cllr Janice Charles, who opened the building project which includes new steps and permanent ramped access into the chapel.

With the creation of the new larger, curved steps, the church managed to integrate ramped access so it enhances the building and worked with architects to ensure that the end result was sensitive to the 156-year-old building.

Stephen Davies, the project manager said: “The access project has been on the table for many years. It’s wonderful to see it finally completed. The project is transformative for us as a church and the

community have really appreciated it, commenting as they have seen the work progressing.”

One person said: “It’s good to see things being done. We do feel that it’s a contribution to the community, as well as a legacy project for the church.”

The project was made possible due to the grant funding contribution from the Welsh Church Act Fund administered by Barry Town Council.

Rev Carole Challis, the church Minister and superintendent Minister of the Vale of Glamorgan circuit, explained: “This is significant for us as a church. It’s made accessing the building less problematic for our members but it’s also a message to our community which says ‘all are welcome.’”

School does well in Estyn report

IN an Estyn inspection, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig in Barry has been judged excellent in three of the five areas in which it was assessed and good in the other two.

The school received

the highest rating possible in the categories of wellbeing and attitudes to learning; care, support and guidance and leadership and management, while standards and teaching and learning experiences were given ‘good’ with excellent features.

In the area of wellbeing and attitudes to learning, among other factors the report hailed the close connection pupils and teachers share. It read: “The strength of the working relationships between pupils and staff is an exceptional feature of the school’s work and contributes extensively to the effective learning environment.”

It was also noted that: “... governors’ willingness to challenge the school in order to ensure improvement is a very strong feature.”

Under the section care support and guidance, the report said: “The school is an extremely caring and friendly community that promotes the importance of good behaviour very effectively.”

Headteacher Sian Owen was singled out when it came to leadership and management, with the report stating: “The headteacher provides innovative and robust leadership and sets a clear strategic direction for developing the school. She has very high expectations and is passionate about the community that she serves.”

Barry Men’s Forum meets weekly on Thursdays at 9.45am at Holy Trinity Church, Aberystwyth Crescent and new members are always welcome. For further information, contact Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

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Council’s refurb for the Batts Field play area

THE Vale Council has refurbished Batts Field play area in Barry at a cost of around £50,000.

Based around a ‘jungle’ theme, existing swings have been upgraded and new equipment for younger children installed, including a multi-unit disc spinner, spring-mounted animals and games panels, while the area has also benefitted from resurfacing.

This is the latest in a long list of play areas that have undergone improvement works, with a number of sites across the Vale receiving the same treatment. The total cost of the work was £49,000, with money coming from Section 106 ‘contributions’ secured by the Council as part of nearby developments.

Luncheon concerts at All Saints Penarth

A NEW season of free luncheon concerts begins at All Saints’ Church, Victoria Square, Penarth next Monday, February 11.

Local photographer and musician Nick Treharne, accompanied by talented guitarist Tom Scott provide the entertainment this month with a repertoire consisting of their own instrumental compositions and songs, and also work by mainstream artists such

as Paul Simon and Tom Waits.

Music at Luncheon concerts at All Saints’ are held monthly on the second Monday. Doors open at 12.30pm and concerts start at 1pm and last around an hour. The audience are invited to bring their lunch along with tea, coffee and cake available to purchase. Free entry but donations accepted towards the church and a charity of the performer’s choice.

More information on www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk or email admin@allsaintspenarth.org.uk

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Dinas Powys welcomes its new £55,000 minibus

Cllr Steve Thomas (left) the chair of Dinas Powys Community Council and John Fanshaw, chair of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, cutting the official ribbon to launch DPVC’s new minibus.

RESIDENTS turned up to celebrate the arrival of the new Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC) minibus, after years of fundraising had finally paid off.

Apart from a generous grant from the community council, all the funds were raised locally.

The minibus has been constructed to accommodate people with mobility issues.

Cllr Steve Thomas, the chair of Dinas Powys Community Council, officially ‘launched’ the minibus, and people were keen have a look inside the vehicle.

More than 70 DPVC trustees, drivers, escorts, transport users, volunteers and supporters attended Murchfield Community Centre for the launch and to take afternoon tea.



John Fanshaw, the chair of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, based at the centre, said: “Throughout its long and distinguished existence, community transport to local supermarkets and events has been at the heart of DPVC and the minibus/ambulance is regarded with affection by so many residents and is a reminder of the services DPVC can offer.”

“A campaign to replace the minibus, estimated to cost over £55,000, was successfully launched. The choice of vehicle and its seating configuration reflects the observations of drivers, escorts and users.”



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Council locked into £1.3 million waste contract

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Mr Shephard continued: "We have an existing relationship with Neath Port Talbot and we are trying to do it with them."

There are around 10 years left on the current contract.

Bridgend councillors sitting on the local authority's budget research and evaluation panel have recommended a political solution is sought to negotiate a favourable outcome for all parties involved.

It is fair to say that the MREC has a troubled history. It was opposed by environmental groups when it opened in 2002, and was out of action after a fire in 2003. The ownership changed hands when NPTC took sole possession in 2006, and by 2010, NPTC were investigating options for selling it.

The Deputy leader at BCBC, Cllr Hywel Williams, said: "BCBC signed the contract 15 years ago and at that time we thought it was to our advantage."

"The legislation from Welsh Government has now moved on and we have the zero waste ambition."

"We recycle 68 per cent of our waste and therefore our residual tonnage is significantly less than what it was 15 years ago but we are still paying the rates from 15 years ago when there was hardly any recycling at all and most of it went to landfill."

"The reality is that the contract is outdated to the aspiration of Welsh Government."

The MREC currently handles all of Neath Port Talbot's residual waste, food waste, recyclable waste and garden waste and all of BCBC's black bag waste.

A Neath Port Talbot Council spokesman said: "The council made a decision in July, 2018, to bring the MREC into the council as a transfer station."

"As BCBC is aware, we are working towards finalising this arrangement as soon as possible and officers of Neath Port Talbot have met, and will continue to meet, with BCBC officers in order to implement new arrangements."

Liz Bradfield

Local democracy reporter

The wonders of Wenvoe for Valeways walkers

THE forecasting of snow, ice and wind by Valeways president Derek Brockway did not deter 10 Valeways walkers from meeting John at the Horse and Jockey for a seven-mile morning walk.

Setting off in overcast, dry conditions with frost on the ground, they walked towards Wenvoe Quarries before passing Wenvoe Wood and heading for Burdonshill.

The track was flooded in a couple of places but easy diversions were available and the group eventually arrived at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club. Here a notice invited funeral guests to head left, so the walkers went right; along a lane passing Goldsland and eventually reaching New Wallace. Who was Wallace? No one knows - perhaps there a GEM reader who can tell us?

The group did not go that far and turned north across fields watching a fox treading carefully through the frost, to arrive at St Lythans Burial Chamber. It is said that on Midsummer's Eve, the capstone rises and spins around with the supporting stones heading to the river for a wash, while a headless horseman gallops around the field.

The walkers took the lane past Dyffryn Gardens to turn right across fields to arrive at Coed Nant Brân before heading to Vianshill and the Downs.

An easy walk down the track past Wenvoe TV mast brought them back to the Horse and Jockey for welcome food and drink.

Many thanks to Heather at the pub for the hospitality and the use of the car park.

John Treby

Poet and novelist to read in Porthcawl

SUSTAINABLE Wales's 'Green Room' in SUSSED, James Street, Porthcawl, returns from its winter break with a reading by poet/novelist, Chris Meredith. To be followed by an Open Mic for local writers.

Chris will be reading from his recently published volume of short stories, 'Brief Lives' (Seren), which will be on sale. The book is described

in the 'Western Mail' as "a moving, mature kaleidoscope of human experience".

He will also read poetry, including some Welsh language verse.

Chris is the author of 'Shifts', available in the Seren 'Classics' series, available in the SUSSED bookshop. It was described as "A first novel of consummate skill" by The Sunday Times. His most recent collection of poetry is 'Air Histories'.

Entry is £4.

AM offers 'A Welcome to Wales'

LAUNCHING the 'Nation of Sanctuary - Refugees and Asylum Seeker Plan' last week formed part of my new ministerial duties.

I was pleased to make a statement in the Senedd to outline ways in which we can meet the Welsh Government's ambition of making Wales a nation of sanctuary for all who choose to make it their home. This requires action across the range of needs facing refugees including access to housing, work, language classes, health and education.

The plan has been endorsed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and includes actions to prevent vulnerable individuals from being exploited and safeguarding unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

I have been delighted to welcome Syrian refugees to the Vale with their families, helping to open up opportunities in all these areas of their lives as they seek to make a contribution with the skills they bring, as farmers, carpenters, health care workers and teachers. Croeso Llantwit is backing the



Assembly Notes by Vale AM JANE HUTT

Community Sponsorship scheme successful across Wales to welcome a refugee into the community, and we will soon be welcoming the arrival of the 1,000th Syrian refugee from that war torn country to Wales.

As Health Minister at the start of the Assembly nearly 20 years ago, I helped foster a Refugee Doctors scheme funding language and professional accreditation courses, resulting in a large number of doctors receiving the GMC (General Medical Council) approval and now all working in the NHS in Wales and across the UK.

The launch of the Refugee and Asylum Seeker Plan followed National Holocaust

Memorial Day which we marked in the Senedd with a cross party vigil, hearing from a Holocaust survivor. I was particularly proud of Barry sixth form students studying at Whitmore High School, Seren Ewington and Cain Gannon, who introduced the Holocaust survivor Henri Obstfeld to the Assembly.

The students made powerful and moving speeches about their involvement in the Holocaust Educational Trust and the impact this had on their thinking and learning about the Holocaust.

This was followed by the launch of an exhibition based on the Holocaust theme 'Torn from Home' at Art Central on January 26 with the work of Welsh sculptor Alison Lochhead and Nerea Martinez (painting and drawing) on display. This exhibition is well worth a visit at the Barry Library Art Central Gallery in King Square, which has hosted the work of many fine artists over the years. The exhibition depicts the horrors of the Holocaust and the ongoing plight of refugees and asylum seekers across the world and is open until March 2.

I had the privilege of

meeting Vale Refugee Champion Robin Jenkins to hear about his work with refugees in the Mediterranean, featured on the news over Christmas, aboard the Dutch vessel *Sea Watch 3* rescuing refugees and seeking a safe haven for them and hope for the future.

Robin has been undertaking rescue work and volunteering on lifeboats since his time at Atlantic College, where the rigid hulled inflatable lifeboat was invented and is now used to save lives across the world.

He has now set up the Atlantic Pacific International Boat Rescue project and is training volunteers who take part in rescue missions taking place across the world, including rescue from tsunami, as well as migration.

Robin has shown great courage and dedication supporting people in the greatest need and is an example to us all. But there is much we can do at home on our doorstep and in the Vale and in Wales, for us to follow our ambition to be a Nation of Sanctuary.

Tenth 'Coming of Light' event held



ART4U has thanked the people who attended the 10th 'Coming of Light' celebration.

Organiser Glyn Pooley said: "We were blessed with a beautiful evening that created a wonderful sunset at the Knap in Barry. Thanks go to

Laura Bradshaw and the Porthkerry Community Choir who sang uplifting songs

"Lovely poems were shared by Fran Smith and Bel Blue. Messages of hope were attached to the bridge and the evening drew to a magical close. It was truly memorable."

Bereavement café to bring people together

A GROUP for bereaved people whose loved ones received support from Marie Curie in the Vale will hold its latest session this week.

The Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice's Family Support Team is launching the first Bereavement Café at its Bridgeman Road hospice on Friday, February 15. Running from 10am to noon, the café will run on every third Friday of the month.

The café is open to those who are known to have had support or whose family have received support from the organisation. To find out more about the Bereavement Café, call the Marie Curie Hospice on 029 2042 600 and ask to speak to the Family Support Team.

Meet your local officers

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

Meet your local officer at The Square, Llandough Hospital, Penlan Road, Llandough, Penarth, on Thursday, February 7 between 10am and 4pm.

Meet Your Local Officers at Penarth Library on Thursday, February 7 between 11am and 12 noon.

A police surgery will be held at Llantwit Major Library on Tuesday, February 12 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

A 'coffee and chat' will be held at the Victoria Inn, Sington, on February 19 at 11am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

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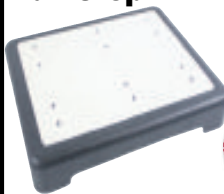


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Job losses at Ford – council to work with response team

THE leader of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has said the local authority is working closely with the Welsh Government to assemble a specialist response team to help support Ford employees affected by redundancy.

The first staff to lose their jobs at the engine plant in Bridgend will leave by the end of this year.

The number due to be offered voluntary redundancy is thought to be around 370.

In a statement, BCBC leader Cllr Huw David said: "As the Ford Bridgend Engine Plant is such a major local employer, we are obviously concerned about the livelihoods of its

staff.

"We're working closely with Welsh Government on proposals for assembling a specialist response team to stand ready to support the employees who may be affected."

Speaking at a full council meeting on January 23, Cllr David said he had contacted senior managers at the plant to offer assistance.

He said the specialist response team could be pressed into service in the event that significant redundancies become unavoidable, adding the council would be calling on organisations such as Business Wales, Careers Wales, the Department of Work and Pensions, Jobcentre Plus and more to join it.

Liz Bradford
Local democracy reporter

Farmers fill the air with glorious smells to celebrate Farmhouse breakfast week

A WARM welcome and mouth-watering smells greeted those who joined the Glamorgan breakfast functions, which were organised as part of the FUW's 'Farmhouse Breakfast Week' campaign (January 21-27).

The Glamorgan events were held on January 21 at Cwm Farm Shop, Treorchy and January 25 at Town Hall, Cowbridge along with a joint event with FUW Gwent on January 24 at The Beech Tree Hotel, Ystrad Mynach.

FUW Glamorgan CEO Rachel Saunders said: "It was about showcasing the most important meal of the day in a bid to raise awareness of the health and nutritional benefits of breakfast, and the huge variety of top quality farm produce available in Wales – ranging from bacon, sausages and eggs



to speciality dairy products, breads and cereals.

"We were able to promote local producers with the assistance of AGORA, which is a new project providing support to new and small producers in this area.

"We loved having everyone there and I thank all those who supported us this year, either by cooking, sponsoring produce or helping us raise money for our worthy charities."

The breakfasts raised a fantastic amount of money for the FUW president's charity appeal – a total of £600 – with all the proceeds being split

between Alzheimer's Society Cymru and Farming Community Network.

"It was great to have members and friends of the Union coming together, being a part of what we do, and sharing their thoughts and worries about the state of the industry, telling us their stories and helping us to understand how we can help each other. What better way to do that than around a table where we share great food and have a cup of tea. I'm already looking forward to next year's breakfast events," added Rachel Saunders.

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Charity's campaign to help life limited children - simply by making a Will

A children's hospice has teamed up with solicitors across south Wales to offer a free Will-writing service.

From February 18 until March 3, Tŷ Hafan's Write a Will campaign will have local solicitors waive their standard fee for helping prepare a Will for clients, in return for a small donation to the charity.

Amber Howells, fundraising executive for Individual Giving at Tŷ Hafan, said: "A Will is the only way to give your peace of mind and ensure your wishes will be honoured as you intend."

"The Will writing service will be provided by your chosen solicitor for a suggested donation of £65 for a Simple Will or £75 for Mirror Wills. There will also be an option of leaving a gift



to Tŷ Hafan to help the charity continue providing care and support to families who need it.

Amber added: "All our services at the hospice are provided to families free and one-fifth of these services are funded thanks to gifts in Wills."

"By taking part in our Write a Will campaign,

you'll not only be securing your wishes by getting a professionally drawn up document, you'll also be helping us to provide comfort and care to life-limited children in Wales."

For more information about the Write a Will campaign, visit www.tyhafan.org/writeawill or call 02920 532 255.

News in brief

Valentine cake sale

Friends of Penarth Library will hold a Valentine Cake Sale on Saturday, February 9 at the library in Stanwell Road between 10am and 1pm. Local designer Mari Worth will be running a free children's craft session at the same time.

Rhoose Community Cinema

Nominated for eight Oscars, the fourth remake of A Star is Born (15) will be screened at Rhoose Community Cinema on February 16; doors open at 6.45pm. Licensed bar; tickets (£5), available on the night. Call Jo on 07986 907151 for further information.

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Depleted police panel fails in bid to veto police council tax rise

A controversial 10 per cent hike in the amount council taxpayers in south Wales contribute to policing is set to go ahead – despite members of the police and crime panel refusing to back it.

Members of the panel, which scrutinises South Wales Police's commissioner Alun Michael, wanted a lower increase than the one proposed by the force.

However as only seven of the 11 members of the panel were at the meeting in Merthyr Tydfil today (Tuesday, January 29), the panel's solicitor Simon Jones said there were not enough members to officially veto the rise.

The panel will write to the commissioner explaining their decision and will ask him to come back with a lower increase.

However in a press release, the force said it would go ahead with the council tax increase for 2019/2020.

The precept charged by South Wales Police is added to the council tax bills in all the areas covered by the force, which includes Cardiff, Swansea, Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr.

A spokesperson for the force said the 10.3 per cent rise amounts to an extra £24 per year for someone living in a band D property – a rise of 46p a week.

South Wales Police will have to make over £7 million of savings next year, having already found £51 million since 2011/2012.

Alun Michael told

members of the panel that during the consultation on the South Wales Police precept this year, more than 1,600 people responded, compared to just 20 last year.

He said the majority (70 per cent) of those who responded said that they were willing to pay more for their policing.

Peter Curran, treasurer to the crime commissioner, said that the force's revenue budget had been cut by 31 per cent since 2011/2012 and that the capital budget stands at £800,000, which he called "derisory" in terms of the investment requirement.

He said: "The funding formula is archaic, out of date and in major need of reform" adding that it essentially costs South Wales Police £18 million a year.

He added that any changes to the formula would not be felt until 2021 and that the force still doesn't receive capital city funding.

Mr Curran added that the core grant is equivalent to less than flat cash because pay awards, the pension gap and inflation.

He said that a £3 a month rise on Band D would give the force headroom to invest into front line policing as the numbers are currently below 3,000 officers.

Omar Hussain, the force's chief finance officer said the force provides a "high quality service" and has delivered £0.5 billion worth of "less harm" to south Wales.

He added that most households (68 per cent) are below Band D so the burden would be falling less on these households and is therefore a progressive tax.

Chief Constable Matt Jukes highlighted the increasing demand the force is facing with policing rugby internationals, dealing with homelessness and begging, roads and domestic abuse amongst many other things.

He said: "The demands are significant. I am really proud of where we are in terms of delivering quality of service."

"We must answer 999 calls and deal with victims and deliver justice for them."

He said the force is among the best in England and Wales for taking action but that the risks and threats are growing in the most complex areas.

Mr Michael said: "It is a matter of pride that performance is so good when we have taken £51 million out."

He added: "I don't believe I can recommend anything lower than that (10.3 per cent). I don't believe we would be able to maintain the safety of the people of south Wales."

"I believe it is the right balance. It doesn't come without deep thought and deliberation and a great deal of discussion."

He said he believed that it would be "irresponsible" not to increase the precept even if he resented it because of their duty to keep people safe.

He said: "There has been a transfer of responsibility from central government to local tax payers."

Anthony Lewis
Local democracy reporter

'Reports of robbery, stalking, and harassment rise by 19 per cent in area' says ONS

THE Office of National Statistics (ONS) has released the latest crime statistics for the 12 months to September 2018, it is reported.

The general rise in figures reflects the UK trend, which remains largely attributed to greater public confidence in reporting crime.

While South Wales Police has recorded an increase of 5 per cent, it is below the national average of 8 per cent.

Reports of robbery in the region has risen by 19 per cent, and stalking and harassment also rose by 19 per cent. However, vehicle offences and burglary in the region have fallen by 7 per cent and 3 per cent respectively.

South Wales Police, however, does recognise and accept the Office of National Statistics' (ONS) view that in some areas there has been a genuine increase in crime.

Alun Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner for south Wales said: "We are currently facing the challenge of the increased impact of 'County Lines' and the exploitation of children and vulnerable adults by big city gangs who follow a nasty and targeted business model. Some specific knife crime and other

offences have been associated with that form of criminal activity and I'm happy to endorse the successful approach taken by the Chief Constable and police leaders across south Wales."

"On the other hand, the longer term figures show that the level of public experience of violence, despite the recent experience, is less than it was a few years ago. Even more importantly, there is a continuing convergence between the experience of the public and what is reported to the police in south Wales. That is very encouraging, because we face real financial challenges and have to do more with less, so being close to the experience of the public and the needs of victims is absolutely crucial."

"Victims are at the heart of all we do – this has been a priority for South Wales Police for some years now. Our approach is to actively encourage people to come forward and report crimes; that continues to be reflected in these increases in reported crimes."

"In line with other forces, we attribute much of the continued rise in figures to the change in recording methods, which occurred in 2014. However, we recognise that there has been a genuine rise in some crime categories so we

remain committed to working closely with a range of partner agencies, including those in the health, local government, education and the voluntary sectors, to prevent, detect and reduce crime."

Deputy Chief Constable Richard Lewis of South Wales Police added: "We continue to experience a rise in demand in both emergency 999 calls and non-emergency 101 calls – a large proportion of these are not crime related. This rise in calls, together with an increase in the number of crimes being reported, means there is a growth in demand being placed on the force."

"We continue to maintain the quality of our response in increasingly difficult financial circumstances and are seeking to utilise technology to support our front-line officers in improving their capability and capacity to deal with an ever more complex environment."

"It is good to see the number of burglaries continuing to fall and we recently carried out a large operation targeting active criminals who commit burglary across the region. That was a great success, with a series of excellent arrests and the recovery of a significant amount of property and cash."

"We continue to

actively work with vulnerable victims of all crime and remain committed to increasing levels of reporting specifically in relation to domestic abuse, stalking and harassment and, sexual offences and when those victims do come forward, we follow up with support and investigation."

"However, crime is only a part of what we deal with and there are many other challenges we face, including responding to and caring for those people who have mental ill health and are in crisis, vulnerable missing people and children and other hidden harms which we, as the police service, respond to and manage on a daily basis and which do not appear within the crime figures."

"None of these areas of demand are responded to in isolation, and we are committed to continually improving every area of our work to ensure we provide the

best possible service for the communities of south Wales.

"We continue to be extremely confident in the integrity of our recording process, being one of only a few forces graded as 'Good' by HMICFRS in accurately capturing and recording all reports that come into the force."

"We are focussing our operational activity and deployments where they are needed the most; particularly in response to an increasing tendency for some to carry knives and continuing to target those crimes which particularly affect the vulnerable in our communities and we are already seeing the positive effects of this."

The GEM asked for further statistics on, for example, reports of hate crime. No response was received.

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Out & About with The GEM

McCarthy and Grant exceptional in Can You Ever Forgive Me?...

HAVING developed her reputation for loud-mouthed comedy, it was nice to see Melissa McCarthy change pace a little for 2014's comedy-drama *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*

Having returned to comedy with the likes of *Ghostbusters*, *Spy* and *Life Of The Party*, McCarthy dips her toe yet again into dramatic waters with *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*

Based on real events, she plays Lee Israel, a struggling writer who finds herself pursuing a path as a forger, writing letters purportedly from literary figures and obtaining large sums of money for them.

Assisted by her new-found friend Jack (Richard E Grant), all seems well until Lee's delicate house of cards comes tumbling down around her...

While the title of this film could be seen as Melissa McCarthy's mea culpa for making audiences sit through the atrocious *The Boss*, *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* is brave new territory for the actress, a film that doesn't rely on her brand of comedy, rather her acting ability.

It proves to be a hugely successful one, the story a compelling portrait of a person who finds comfort and happiness impersonating snapshots of other people's lives.

It highlights just how good an actress Melissa McCarthy can be, given the right material. Israel is a writer of biographies who has fallen out of step with the literary world, an individual whose inability to forge relationships with people, both personal and professional, is her undoing.

She falls into forgery quite by accident, yet takes a form of solace from reality



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through them, aping the personalities of the likes of Dorothy Parker and Noel Coward, the risk and reward of what she's doing, as she states at one point, making her feel more alive, and creatively sated, than ever.

McCarthy's performance is wonderful, certainly one that has roots in her particular brand of comedy, yet also one that is incredibly touching. While Israel isn't overly sympathetic (her self-destructive tendencies best highlighted in her relationship with a bookshop owner played gently by Dolly Wells), McCarthy's delicately drawn turn allows us to empathise and sympathise with her.

She is (un)ably assisted by Richard E Grant's hilarious Jack, a man who shares a kinship with Israel. Both of them are outsiders, neither of them seemingly with any real friends so they fall in with one another, forming an odd couple relationship that pushes and pulls brilliantly.

Grant takes great delight in delivering a role with real flair

and substance, the character sketched in a similar light to Israel, and Grant matches McCarthy's ability to create empathy without softening the edges of the character.

Marielle Heller showed with her debut film *The Diary of a Teenage Girl* a capacity for grounded, engaging work, and the same applies here. There is nothing flashy about the direction, but she shows a strong grasp of the material, keeps the tone light but dramatic, and allows the story and the performances to control the film.

Can You Ever Forgive Me? is, ultimately, something of a triumphant film even given the subject matter, one that in other hands may have been skewed heavily towards the forgery aspect.

But to do that would lose the human through line of these characters whose shady dealings are, in fact, a way for them to exist in the world and overcome their loneliness – and it's that element, brought to the fore, that makes this such a wonderful piece of work.

VERDICT: An intriguing story brought to vivid life thanks to the incredible central performances of Richard E Grant and Melissa McCarthy, *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* is a tremendous film. A portrait of loneliness and of outsiders trying to make their way in the world, Marielle Heller's subtle yet strong direction helps make this a wholly satisfying viewing experience. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Catch Me If You Can* (2002), *The Diary of a Teenage Girl* (2015).

Feared by the bad, loved by the good – Players put on wonderful pantomime!



ROBIN Hood and the Babes in the Wood came to Colwinston when the Colwinston Players put on its 14th pantomime.

There were three evening performances and one matinee. In true panto style, there were goodies and baddies, extravagant costumes, dancing, singing and a wedding in the finale.

Martin Driscoll excelled as the dame with his colourful outfits, courtesy of the costume department led by Liz Stone.

His singing was superb, especially his Elvis impression and his striptease was awesome.

Sue McKinnon as the nasty sheriff and sidekick Denis played by Julie Davies gave an evil performance, but they both repented in the end. The Babes (Georgie Griffiths and Phoebe Cooke) were excellent in their roles as were all the young, and not so young, merry men, dancers, guards, chorus and rabbits! Robin Hood (Jo Foxall) and Marion (Hannah Miles) played their parts with gusto and lived happily ever after.

Director Julie Lloyd, supported by a back stage and bar crew of more than 30 helpers, once again made sure that this annual event entertained the village with a very professional performance.

All the money raised from ticket sales and performance raffles will be split between the Players, Marie Curie and Bro Morgannwg Baby Loss. Congratulations must go to each and every one of the cast, crew and thanks to all the villagers who supported this wonderful event.

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Exhibition is dispelling winter and inspiring spring!



ARTIST Lesley Dearn launched her new exhibition, 'Of Petals and Sky', at The Old Hall, Cowbridge Community College on February 6.

Running until March 5, her exhibition has its essence in the effects of light. Large impressionistic florals share the walls with striking seascapes inspired by Lesley's walks along the Glamorgan and Pembrokeshire coast paths.

Complementing the formal show, Lesley's florals are also dispelling the gloom of winter on Cowbridge High Street – local florists and interior design shops are showing pictures for the duration of her show.

For more information, visit Lesley's website at: www.lesleydearn.co.uk.

What's on and where in your area

Cowbridge Art Society
ON Thursday, February 7 there will be a watercolour demonstration by local artist, teacher and author Peter Cronin (www.petercronin.org).

Peter is also a member of The Royal Society Of Marine Artists, the Royal Watercolour Society of Wales and the Pure Watercolour Society. On February 14, there is a demonstration of mixed media techniques involving acrylic and modelling paste by Jude Lowery.

CAS welcomes artists of any level, and also non-artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics. There is also an annual calendar and art competition and a number of social events.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors (small fee) and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, see www.facebook.com/cowbridgeartsociety or Instagram #cowbridgeartsociety.

Pencoed Library
A HARRY Potter book night takes place at Pencoed Library on Thursday, February 7 at 4.30pm; all ages welcome for an hour of wizarding fun.

Other events at the library are: Learn Direct every Monday 9.30am-12.30pm; Bridges into Work every Tuesday 9.30am-12pm; Digital Drop-In every Tuesday from 2pm-5pm; Bounce and Rhyme every Thursday, 2pm; Makerspace every

Saturday 10.30pm-11.30pm; Storytime and Craft every Saturday 12pm-1pm; Adult Craftersnoon every other Friday from 2pm; Action on Hearing Loss, third Monday of each month 2pm-4pm; Philosophy Group, first Tuesday of each month from 4pm-5pm; Teen Reading Group, second Tuesday of each month 4pm-5pm.

Jane Hutt surgery
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No appointment necessary.

Repair Cafe
A REPAIR Cafe takes place on Saturday, February 9 at Bethel Church Hall, Llantwit Major, from 10am to noon.

Volunteers will be attempting to repair small portable household items, including IT equipment, bicycles and fabric repairs. There will also be teas/coffees and cake available; all welcome.

Valeways guided walks
ON Sunday, February 10, Around the Bay (with no muddy boots!); meet at Pont y Werin footbridge on Marconi Avenue, Penarth at 2pm.

On Monday, February 11 at 11am, meet at the railway station car park in Llantwit Major for a stroll around the Llantwit lanes.

On Wednesday, February 13, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston at 10.30am. The same day at 2.30pm, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet at the town hall car park.

On Friday, February 15, walk to Llangan and back the long way; meet at The Red Fox, Penllyn (CF71 7RQ) at 10am.

Six Nations at the Memo
THE Memo Arts Centre will be showing all of Wales' Six Nations games on the big cinema screen and will also be showing *Bohemian Rhapsody Sing-Along* on Thursday, February 7.

Further information and tickets from www.memoartscentre.co.uk or contact the box office on 01446 738622.

Quilters meet
GLAMORGAN Quilters will next meet on Saturday, February 9 at Ystradowen village hall from 10am to 3pm. If you would like to learn how to sew or quilt, why not call in as a visitor (£5 charge) and see what it's all about.

This month, the group will be joined by Red House Quilting, who will be selling fabric and quilting accessories; all welcome to the Red House pop-up shop at the hall.

Family history
THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society meets at The Len Evans Centre off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, CF32 9RW on Monday, February 18 starting at 7.30pm.

Basil George will talk on the George family name, society and Merthyr Mawr Estate; everyone welcome.

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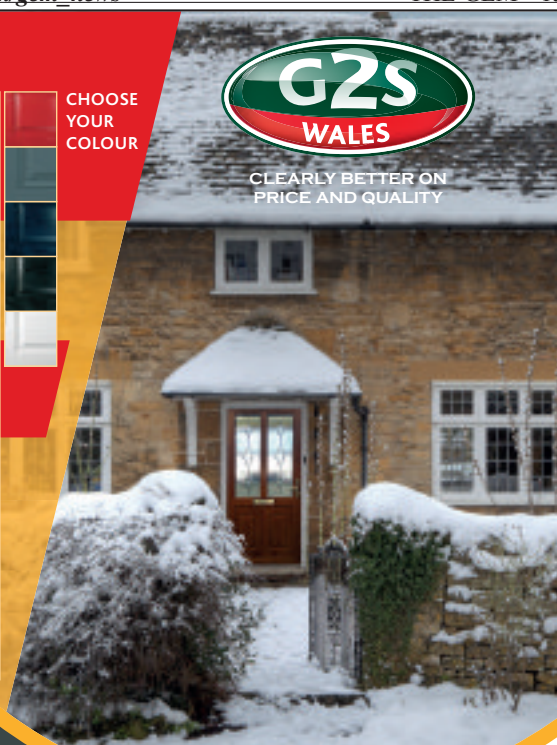
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Hopkins Law expands again!

HOPKINS Law, an independent boutique law firm with offices in Cowbridge, Cardiff and Chepstow continues its growth with the appointment of another consultant solicitor, Mari Knowles.

Highly recommended by so many of her clients, Mari specialises in landlord and tenant matters, both residential and commercial. Mari's analytical skills and attention to detail ensures she offers clients the best possible advice and service.

Landlord and tenant laws are continually evolving, and Mari is heavily involved with those changes. Mari regularly attends the All Parliamentary Party Group on Leasehold Reform, a group of cross-party MPs interested in seeing changes to leasehold law. Mari is also involved with the Law Commission's ongoing leasehold reforms. Having grown up and worked in Brighton for 10 years, Mari set up her

own practice, working across the south east and London.

Liane Farthing, co-director and head of Property said: "Mari's appointment augments our aim to provide our clients with the legal services they or their family may need over their lifetime, delivered in a convenient way with high levels of professional expertise. Mari's appointment is evidence of this vision."

Kerry Mordey, co-director and head of Family, added: "Mari joins our team of talented lawyers who continually provide our clients with the depth of knowledge, insight and high level of service that clients now quite rightly expect. We are delighted to welcome Mari to Hopkins Law."

Contact Hopkins Law for Landlord and Tenant, Property, Family and Elderly client matters: call 02920 395888 or enquiries@hopkinslawltd.com.

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An expert's advice could help to avoid dispute

BRENDAN Sweeney, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the UK population does not have a will.

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Probate disputes and challenges to wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to it.

It is important that people are fully aware of

their duties and financial responsibilities when they make a will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid will.

The cost of a professionally-drafted will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

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Our main practice, conveniently located in Bridgend town centre at 6 Derwen Road, is open six days a week from Monday to Thursday (9am-5pm); Friday (9am-3pm) and Saturday (9am-1pm). We have a second practice in Newport at 203 Caerleon Road, which is open Monday to Thursday (9am-5pm); Friday (9am-3pm) and have partnerships with pharmacies, GP surgeries and opticians throughout south Wales, enabling us to offer a customer-focused and community based local service.

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Contact us on 01656 652444 or for more information, visit www.malmohearing.co.uk.

The new season of fashion is only just beginning at Samantha B

MY goodness where does the time go? January came and went and here we are racing through February.

I am delighted to say that the new season's stock is starting to come in and it's lovely to see the gorgeous colours injecting a freshness into the shop.

Olsen have produced a gorgeous colour palette, beautiful subtle pastels highlighted with stronger tones to make them work. The ever-popular Mona jeans, a delight to wear, are much more than a jean and acceptable everywhere.

This season we have neutral shades as well as vibrant red and optic white, teamed together with a spring weight jumper and scarf to throw off the darkness of winter.

Bianca is always a crowd pleaser, with beautiful knitwear in colours you can start

wearing straight away and gives an instant lift.

Monochrome is always very sophisticated; highlight this with one of this season's big colours in emerald, red or cobalt and you'll be turning heads in no time.

Bianca and Olsen always produce a range of coordinated matching colours, but not in a twee way – a modern way to use your wardrobe with beautifully fitting clothes at affordable prices.

I am delighted to introduce to Samantha B a new range called Great Plains. Just like the other collections, it is a lovely mix and match range at great prices for effortless dressing.

I particularly love it when ladies call in and tell me about the comments they've received. I am the only supplier of Bianca in the area so if you're looking for something different, call in and see what's on offer.

If you're still in winter

mode, the sale is still on with crazy prices. I feel lucky if I find something in a sale; it gives you the confidence to wear things in a different way

if you've had them at a reduced price.

We still have plenty of choice – for example, a Marble jumper, originally £63, is now

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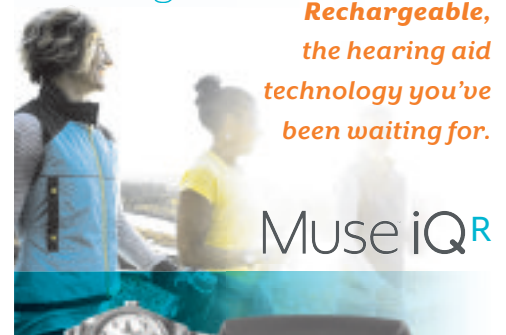
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READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'More green space needed'

THE Vale Council is currently consulting on replacing a green area in Bonvilston used by children for play, and residents to socialise, with more new housing.

In the LDP and Welsh Government planning policies, this 'Amenity Greenspace' is supposed to be protected from development and enhanced. The Vale Council have a policy that new housing developments require a minimum amount of public open space for play and other purposes per dwelling.

Should the existing houses of Bonvilston be built today, there would be insufficient public space to satisfy the council's planners. So, it's bewildering that what open space there is, these same planners are proposing to replace with more housing.

The scheme would also reduce the already limited parking available for Maes Y Ffynon residents – the houses constructed in the 1950s didn't foresee the rise in car ownership.

I believe that most people support Welsh Government policies that are intended to protect the green spaces in our communities and to

provide a variety of play spaces for children, close to homes. This housing proposal suggests that the Vale Council disagrees...

Cllr Ian Perry, St Nicholas.

In response, Cllr Andrew Parker, Vale Council cabinet member for housing and building services, said: "This is a scheme proposed by the Council's Housing department and would be subject to exactly the same planning requirements as any other development of its type. No planning application has yet been submitted, but, should that happen, it would need to satisfy national and local policies, including those contained in the LDP, while the public would also have the opportunity to express their views before any decision was taken."

"The proposal is currently subject to a 28-day statutory pre-application consultation period and an event to gauge public opinion on it was held on Monday. Residents can also share their views by completing a survey online at <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=154815405226> or by collecting a hard copy from the Council's Dock Offices."

'Bring trees to the Vale'

WE are losing our street/urban trees at an alarming rate. Whether they are being removed due to disease, old age or traffic damage, they are not being replaced at anywhere near the number needed, the result is that we are making our towns and communities devoid of green spaces.

Yet these trees are important to making our urban spaces pleasant and tolerable. Trees in our urban communities have a number of environmental, social and ecological benefits, such as improving air quality by the production of oxygen and the absorption of air pollution; they can control flooding by intercepting and soaking up rainfall; contribute to reducing climate change;

help to reduce noise pollution.

They provide food and habitat for our wildlife and provide shade and cooling during heat waves.

We understand that local government is under great financial pressure so we need to send a message to our councillors that our street/urban trees are a high priority for local people. Barry Action for Nature has launched a petition calling on the Vale Council to commit to increasing tree cover in Barry and the wider Vale of Glamorgan.

I believe that the overwhelming majority of local people would want a greener more wildlife friendly Barry. Readers can find the petition at: you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/for-the-sake-of-nature-and-people-protect-our-street-trees-now.

Rob Curtis, Barry.

Monday is budget day at Barry Town Council

ON Monday, February 11, Barry Town Council will meet to decide its precept for the year 2019-20.

The council ran a budget consultation across social media to engage with the public.

It asked the question: Are you happy with the council increasing your council tax contribution by 89p per month (band D council tax payer) in order to deliver its budget proposals?

On Facebook 903 votes were cast with 24 per cent in favour

of the increase and 76 per cent opposed to it. On Twitter 217 people responded with 17 per cent in favour and 83 per cent opposed.

The interim leader of the Conservative Group, Cllr Vince Bailey, told The GEM: "Members of the Conservative group have been engaging with the process from the start, and I am pleased to see that Labour's initial proposals for a 20 per cent hike have been dramatically reduced already – thanks in part to the efforts of our member

on the finance committee, Cllr Rowlands.

"We will continue to speak with the public and play our part in ensuring a fair settlement for Barry residents."

Also on Monday's agenda is an opportunity for the Docks Incinerator Action Group to raise the issue that there has still been no decision by the Welsh Government on whether an environmental impact assessment should be carried out in relation to the Barry Biomass plant.

Music in the Vale concert proves to be a huge success



ON January 27, more than 100 people attended Stanwell School, Penarth, where the winners from the November competition performed a selection of instrumental and vocal pieces.

The audience listened to an afternoon of musical entertainment by the young people. The afternoon was compered by Allan Grayson-Jones and the accompanists were Rhiannon Pritchard, Emma Arscott, Rebecca Selley and Sian Wynn Newton.

Vocalists and instrumentalists aged

eight to 24 years should apply to take part in the 2019 competition, which will take place on November 16 and 17, by emailing secretary@musicinthevale.org.uk for application details.

The full programme included choirs and the winner was Cor Heol y March, made up of 30 young people and was conducted by Eleri Roberts.

Cor Heol y March performed Ffrindiau Bach a Mawr – Meirion Wynn Jones; Distawrwydd – Euros Rhys Evans and Hava Nageela – Folk Song from Israel.

Charity's twmpath for Eyecare project

LOCAL charity Vale for Africa invites Vale residents to a 'Twmpath', a Welsh barn dance, to celebrate Saint David's Day and help raise funds to support its 'Eyecare' project.

Ted Arbuthnot, Eyecare project leader, said: "Each year, we set out with a team of optometrists and GPs to remote areas of the Tororo district of Uganda to train village health teams and transfer our healthcare skills to them."

"The project has been hugely successful, but there is still much more that we can do. "The Twmpath will be a fun way for people

help get the team on their way."

The event takes place on Friday, March 1 at St Donat's Arts Centre from 7pm to 11pm. Thingumajigs ceilidh band will lead the dancing and there is a licenced bar. Cheese & biscuits are included in the price; £10 adults, £7.50 students and £5 for children and are available via www.valeforafrica.org.uk or in person at Annette Dobbs Eyecare, 40 Tynwydd Road, Barry, CF62 8AZ, call 01446 735130.

For more information on Vale for Africa, contact Gareth Kiddie at gareth@gka.org.uk.

Rail upgrades are on track

VALE MP Cairns met Network Rail representatives recently to find out more about the accessibility upgrades planned for Barry and Cadoxton stations.

Accessibility improvements are currently being designed for both stations and will be delivered through UK Government's 'Access for All' funding, with match-funding from Welsh Government. Once designs have been completed, work is expected to begin at Cadoxton Station in Summer 2019, and at Barry station in 2020.

Dale Crutcher, senior commercial scheme sponsor for Network Rail Wales and Borders, said: "Improving access at stations will make a real difference to passengers by making it easier for people to get to work, or travel to see friends and family. We are planning a record investment over the next five years to cater for increasing demand and transform the railway in Wales."

Mr Cairns said: "I'm really pleased to see funding from the UK Government being allocated locally, so that much-needed improvements to accessibility can be carried out at Cadoxton and Barry train stations. The regeneration of Barry as a whole is one of my biggest priorities and attracting investment is a key part of that. The station upgrades add to this and helps to make Barry a better place to live and work."

The funding for Barry and Cadoxton stations was allocated at the beginning of Network Rail's current control period (2014-2019). The UK Government has allocated a further £300m funding to continue with the Access for All Programme in Control Period 6 (2019-2024). The stations set to receive this funding will be confirmed in April 2019.

Nominations for the Barry Town Mayor awards are now open

NOMINATIONS are open for the 2019 Town Mayor Awards which honours outstanding individuals in the Barry area who dedicate their time to help others in the area.

There will be two categories: youth and adult. All nominees must be a resident of Barry.

Nominations should be sent in writing, detailing the reasons for the nomination to the Town

Mayor, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA (Deadline for nominations is Friday, March 8).

Winners must be available to attend the annual mayor-making ceremony held on Monday, May 12, to receive the award.

Winners will be notified on Thursday, April 18.

For more information contact Julie Hurd on 01446 704921; or juliehurd@barrytown-council.gov.uk.

Family and work commitments cited as Barry councillor stands down

CLLR Richard Bertin has resigned from Barry Town Council.

In a letter to the council he explained: "After much deliberation, I have decided to call it a day after 20 years of representing my community of Court Ward due to family and work commitments."

"Due to a change of job, I don't feel that I can give the full commitment anymore that is needed to represent my community."

Cllr Bertin, who sat as an independent, said he also wanted to thank all those who had supported him over the years.

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"The young couple were delighted with the good news," said Mr Harding, a professional jeweller. He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we are talking thousands of pounds."

HIDDEN TREASURE

Like most readers you probably have dreamt about winning the pools or finding a pot of gold. Many households have hidden treasure sitting around with the owners not knowing the true value. Well, this is your last chance to visit Penarth, Cowbridge and Barry.

Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and

gems, I could tell you many stories when people have visited a roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them. "Whilst reading this article, many readers will be thinking of an old item of a piece of unused jewellery.

VALUATION

Mr Harding added, "The reasons behind choosing Barry is because it's well situated and well known to local people. The roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the area. Many items are hoped to be found."

Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success with a free valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose?

Things you should look for and take next week

include broken rings, old chains, pocket watches, old silver, diamond and gem set jewellery (even with stones missing), old pictures, objects d'art, coins, medals and virtually anything old or interesting

Their buyers urgently require stock for collectors and overseas customers, and are offering an instant cash settlement on any items they buy.

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Hafod Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announce the new development of properties at Cross Common Road, Dinas Powis.

Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4U members with a local connection to Dinas Powis (local work, family or life connections). Anticipated completion date is end of April 2019. A local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

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Newydd Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announces the new development at Reflections @ The Quays, Barry Waterfront. Bids are invited from Homes4U members

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Whats on and where in your area

Cowbridge U3A Meeting

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Land of Song' by Dean Powell at 2pm on Wednesday, February 13 at Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

Penarth Civic Society to visit Insole Court

THERE will be a guided tour on February 16 of this magnificent house (Fairwater Road, Cardiff CF5 2LN) which only reopened recently and was a significant topic of a guest speaker we had last year, Mike Statham, who gave a presentation on Penarth alabaster, which is used extensively through the house.

The tour takes in ground floor rooms and the first floor library. There is a £3 per person charge for members and £5 for non-members. Meet at visitor reception at 1.50pm on Saturday, February 16. We ask members to volunteer car-pooling; if you are able to offer or need a lift, please contact dave.noble1959@gmail.com or phone 07966 364988.

Mayor's Youth Concert

ON Saturday, February 16 the Mayor of Llantwit Major will be holding the annual Youth Music Concert in St Illtud's Church to showcase the wide selection of young local talent.

This year's performances include sets from Llantwit Major School, Stage Door 1, Atlantic College, Major Music and more. It is the fourth year the concert has taken place and is sure to be another inspirational evening.

Tickets cost £5 and are available from Llantwit Major Town Council's Office in the Town Hall or call 01446 793707.

All proceeds donated to Mayor's chosen charities: Headlines, Age Connects and St Illtud's Church restoration fund.

Film night in Barry

THE Benefice of Barry welcome everyone to their next film night, so grab your duflie coat and pack your marmalade sandwiches!

Paddington Bear is in town on Friday, February 15 at 7pm at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry with Paddington 2.

Doors open 6.30pm; adults £3 children £1.50 at the door. Tuck shop and refreshments available to purchase.

Carers' support group

AS a carer, you keep going in spite of tiredness, lack of sleep, snatched meals, cleaning up accidents, feeling annoyed and feeling down.

Being a carer is not easy, and you need to learn to look after yourself – it isn't selfish to look after yourself, in fact it is selfish not to. Suggestions from the group have included having a meal delivered once a week so that you don't have to cook, setting an hour aside to meet a friend, enjoying an hour of gardening or listening to music.

The next meeting of the carers' group takes place on Thursday, February 14 at 2pm in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge. Contact Rev Victoria on 01446 775381 or vicar@cowbridgeparish.com for further information.

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DEGREES of Error's hilarious and innovative Murder, She Didn't Write will visit Maesteg Town Hall on February 22.

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To book tickets, visit www.maesteg-townhall.com/events/3733/murder-she-didnt-write/ or call the box office on 01656 815995.

Porthcawl Buckaneers Summer Carnival

PORHCRAWL Buckaneers will hold their summer carnival on Saturday, July 20 and the theme is 'A Year of Discovery'.

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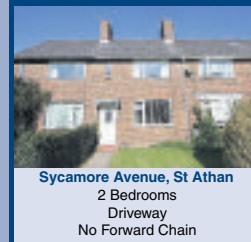
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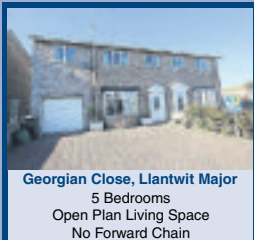
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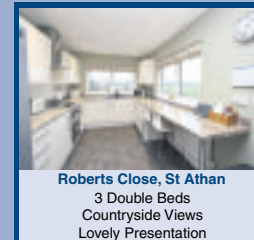
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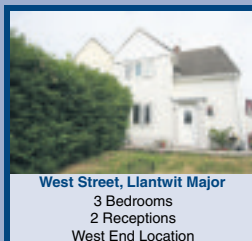
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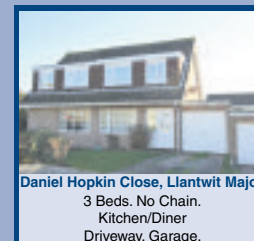
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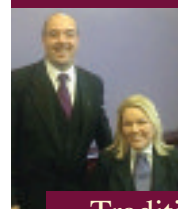
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Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Wednesday, 13th February at 11am. No flowers by request. Donations may be made in memory of Ray in favour of Marie Curie Cancer Care at the service.

MULHERN

Reuben James

Suddenly passed away on 28th January 2019, aged 26 years, loving son to Christian and Julie, brother to Abbey, cherished uncle to Georgie and Ruby. Reuben will be greatly missed by his grandparents, Brian and Christine. He will never be forgotten by his uncles Adam, Tank, Tommy and his aunts Emma, Lara, Regina, his nephews Sebastian, Joe and his niece Izzy.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 13th February at 2pm, followed by a committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations may be made in memory of Reuben in favour of Mind at the service. *No more money, no more fancy dress, this other kingdom seems by far the best.*

LEWIS

Ernest James (Ernie)

Peacefully at Collegefields Nursing Home, Barry on 28th January, Ernie formerly of Lower Morel Street, Barry. Dearly beloved husband of Rowena, much loved dad of Rhys, Keri and Greg. Father-in-law of Karen, Sarah and Becci, adored pappy of Shaun, Aiden, Mollie, Sam, Jesse, Ollie and great grand pappy of Louie.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 15th February at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service, all donations will go to support Velindre Cancer Care. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Anthony D.H. Thomas. Further enquiries telephone 01446407962

CLAY

Hedley Vivian (Viv)

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital on 30th January. Beloved husband of Edna, loving father to Michael and Philip, loved by his daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at 11am on Friday, 15th February at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations to the Alzheimer's Society, 43-44 Crutched Friars, London, EC3N 2AE welcomed in memory of Viv.

GRIST

Michael Wilfred R.I.B.A.

(of Flush Meadow, Llantwit Major)

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Terry will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 15th February at 2pm.

No flowers by request. Donations may be made in memory of Terry in favour of Marie Curie Cancer Care at the service.

BALL

Freda Winifred Edith

Passed away peacefully at home on the 30th January 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Loving wife of the late Doug, beloved mum of Sue, Jan and Howard. Loved mother-in-law of Pete, Dave and Angela. Adored nan and grandmother to Andrew, Louise, Sherri, Nick and Nathan and their wife and partners, Kelly, B.Jay, Barry and Carla. Cherished 'Old Nan' to all of her great grandchildren. Loving sister-in-law to Glo and sister to the late Graham.

Freda is resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until her funeral service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium on Thursday, 14th February at 12 noon.

The family request family flowers only and donations if desired, in memory of Freda, may be made to Marie Curie

MANSBRIDGE

Maria Jane (née McKay)

Peacefully on 26th January 2019, Maria, beloved wife of the late Kevin. Much loved mum of Jason and Gareth, a dearly loved nan to Alfie, Oscar, Ifan and Ffion.

Maria will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Saturday, 9th February at 11am. Immediate family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired for Ward A1 at UHW c/o the funeral director.

WOLDRIDGE

Kenneth John

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He will be greatly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at 10am on Wednesday, 13th February at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

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KILLICK

Linda

After a short illness, Linda passed away peacefully at home on 29th January 2019. Beloved wife of Bob, loving mother of John and Mark and much loved grandmother of Owen, Elin-Mai, Rosie and Seren.

Linda will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Tuesday, 12th February, service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 10am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, payable to Marie Curie or Motor Neurone Disease Association may be sent c/o Tovey Bros, 9/11 Cardiff Road, Newport, NP20 2EH. Tel: 01633 266848 www.toveybros.co.uk

DUNFORD

Colin John

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MORGAN

Philip William

It is with a broken heart the family announce the peaceful passing of Phil of Boverton, late of Tair Onen, after a short illness on 27th January at University Hospital of Wales. Beloved husband of the late Nancy, father of Paul and daughter-in-law Joanna.

Phil will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Tuesday, 12th February, service and interment 1.30pm at Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston.

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WALLIS

Barry Hamilton

Passed away peacefully at Oaklands Care Home on Monday, 28th January, formerly of City House, Bettws, Bridgend. Beloved husband of the late Pearl and a devoted father to Daryl, Julian and the late Sean. A cherished grandfather and great grandfather.

Funeral on Thursday, 14th February. Service at St. Robert's Catholic Church, Aberkenfig at 11am, followed by interment at Sarn Cemetery.

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SMITH

Brenda Mary

Peacefully on 26th January at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff - Brenda, devoted wife to the late Graham and much loved mum of Karen.

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WILDING

Yvonne

Peacefully at home on 30th January, Yvonne passed away after a courageous battle with her illness, aged 72 years. Dearly beloved wife of the late Keith, cherished mother to Anna and son-in-law Andrew and adored grandmother to Isabella and Lara.

She will be sorely missed by all her loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at 1.15pm on Wednesday, 20th February at Church of St John the Baptist, Llanblethian and afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in Yvonne's memory welcomed to Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR and the Donkey Sanctuary, Slade House Farm, Sidmouth, EX10 0NU.

Special thanks to all the healthcare professionals who cared for Yvonne.

DOWDELL

Herbert Ernest (Bert)

Peacefully at the Waverley Nursing Home on Friday, 1st February, Bert, passed away.

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Bert will be greatly missed by all his family and loved forever - you were one in million.

Acknowledgements

CLISSETT

Norah (née Tierney)

Norah's family extend their heartfelt thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages, donations and especially for their presence at the celebration of Norah's life.

Acknowledgements

BROWN

Steven Craig (Steve)

Steve's family would like to thank all friends, family and work colleagues for their kind messages, generous donations to Bloodwise and presence at the celebration of Steve's life. Special thanks to the wonderful nursing staff on Ward B4 and HDU at the UHW, Heath for all the care given during Steve's stay.

Thank you also to Phil and Vanessa of W. James & Sons Funeral Directors of Fommon for their service and help in getting us through this very sad time.

BLAKE

Colette Marie

Diane, David and family would like thank all family and friends for their support, condolences and kind messages at this sad time. Thank you for all donations made in memory of Colette to Touch Trust Therapy.

We would like to thank Father Kevin Lake for conducting a moving service, also a special thank you to Melanie Parsons for the reading of the eulogy and to Kieran Parsons for the touching and sentimental words spoken at the service. Thank you to Michael Bennett for his rendition of 'The Greatest Love'. Finally, thank you to Lyndsay Ellis of Vale Funeral Service for his compassion and guidance at this difficult time.

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Balls 8, Sea View 7.
Division 2: Ex
Servicemen 243 (R
Harrington 27), H
Bells 259 (R Wills 28).
League: Park Lads 22,
H Bells 16, Cavaliers
16, Mighty Dockers 16,
Hairly Lemons 14, Barry
Park B 12, Ex Servicemen
12, Tynny Lads 11,
Colcoat Boys 10, BP
Breakaways 10, Exiles
9, Witchill Poachers 8.
Division 3: League:
Park Rangers 18, Billy
Bluebirds 16, Witchill
Nomads 15, Cocoa Nuts
14, Glenbrook Flyers
12, Royalists 11, Castle
Boys 10, Abercete 10,
Alternatives 10, CUD
10, Master Mariner 0.
Allform Cup quarter
finals: Exiles beat Blue
Monkey, Mighty Dockers
beat Posties, 49ers beat
BP Breakaways, Bunker
Boys beat Park Lads.
View all results and
league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.
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The Barry and District Leagues tables and results

HERE are the lat-
est results from the
Barry and District
Club Leagues:
Crib Division 1:
Wyndham Cons 6,
Rhoose Social 9.
League Table: Rhoose
Social 118, Wyndham
Cons 114, Liberals 113,
West End Runaways
112, Cadoxton Cons 111,
West End 104, Moors
Boys 93.
Knockout Cup semi-
finals: Rhoose
Social 8, West End
Runaways 7; West End
9, Liberals 6.
Skittles Division 1:
Knockout Cup quarter-
finals: Rhoose Social
C beat West End C;
Rhoose Social B beat
West End D.
Snooker Division 1:
West End C 3, Harbour
B 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 3,
Harbour B 2; Cadoxton
Wildcats 2, Rhoose
Social B 3; Penarth Cons
A 4, Cadoxton Cons B
1; Savoy A 3, Wyndham
Cons A 2; Liberators 3,
Market Street B 2.
League Table: West
End C 59, Savoy A 55,
Harbour B 52, Wyndham
Cons A 49, Cadoxton
Cons Z 46, Cadoxton
Cons B 41, Penarth Cons
A 34, Cadoxton Wildcats
30, Rhoose Social B 27,
*Liberators 25, Market
Street B 23.
Snooker Division 2:
West End B 1, Savoy
B 4; Penarth Cons B 3,
West End A 2; Rhoose
Social C 2, Services
Social B 3; Market Street
C 3, Wyndham Cons D
2; Harbour A 1, Sully
Sports A 4.
League Table: Savoy
B 55, Rhoose Social
C 52, Cadoxton Cons
A 50, Penarth Cons B
50, Market Street C 44,
*Services Social B 44,
Wyndham Cons D 42,
Harbour A 41, West End
A 36, Sully Sports A 33,
West End B 24.
* = Points Deducted
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Barrivale Bridge Club results

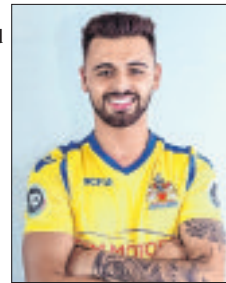
THE results for the
Barrivale Bridge
Club session on
January 29 were as
follows:
First, Jane Brook and
Hilary Morgan 57.29
per cent; second, Jenny
Vaughan and Peter
Millar 56.60 per cent;
third, Huw and Celia
Thomas 56.25 per cent.
The handicap winners
were Linda Houston and
Pat Price.
New members at
the club are always
welcomed and a partner
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and assisted play;
Thursday afternoons
for assisted play from
1.30pm-4pm at the Barry
Uniting Church, Heol
y Llongau, Barry CF63
4AP.
Linda Houston

Barry Town United star heads north

BARRY Town United's versatile
Macauley Southam-Hales has earned
a move to Football League club
Fleetwood Town managed by Joey
Barton.

A Barry Town spokesman said on Sunday:
"After attracting interest from a number of
other professional clubs, we can confirm that
Macauley Southam-Hales has completed a
medical and signed with Fleetwood Town of
EFL League One for an undisclosed fee."
The deal includes a loan return to Barry
for the rest of the 2018-19 season subject to
international clearance.



Gambits fall to second defeat of the season

THERE were three games
scheduled for the Barry Chess
Club this week, all away games.
In division 1 the Bosons were due
to play the Pontypridd Barbarians on
Thursday. This game was postponed
due to the inclement weather. However
other games played in the week saw the
Bosons drop to the bottom of the table.
Only a half point separates the
bottom three teams, and with the
Pawns in sixth place only 2.5 points
ahead of us, there is all to play for,
and the relegation fight should go
to the final round of matches.
In division three the Quarks
travelled to Caerphilly to play the
Rooks. Just as in the reverse fixture
we lost by 3 - 2, Tom Cooke and
Mike O'Leary winning their matches.
Mike's win takes him to the top of
the player performance table above
Ieuan Thomas and Martin Ricketts.
In division 4 the Gambits played
fellow promotion rivals Pentyrch C. The
C team played a stronger team than
usual and on board one for Pentyrch
was Will Harwood. This is only his
second match of the season; co-inci-
dentally both of his games have been
against the Gambits and Chris Green.
For three of us this was our second
match in Pentyrch this year. This time
our luck ran out and with only one draw
for all our efforts we returned home
losing 4.5 - 0.5. The Gambits drop to
second in the table some 3.5 points
behind Pentyrch, who seem destined
for the divisional title. We still have
the challenge of the Pontypridd Goshawks
to come and surely it is between
these two for the runner-up spot.
The Quarks have 24 points from 10
games and lie in sixth place some 10
points above bottom team Bridgend C,
although we have played one more game.
The Barry Chess Club meets at
7.30pm each Monday at the West End
Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62
6QY. The club is open to players of
all standards; whether you are inter-
ested in playing competitive chess or
just the occasional friendly games.
New players are very welcome to just
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your arrival. For more details visit our
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Phil Jones

Evan lands a Taunton winner

EVAN Williams had good reason to be
pleased that Monday's Taunton National
Hunt fixture passed a 7.30am inspection.
His five-year-old *Bold Plan*, ridden by
Pembrokeshire's Sean Bowen, landed the opening
Racing To School Novices' Hurdle (Division 1) by
one-and-a-quarter lengths from the odds-on favourite
Southfield Stone, ridden by Lorcan Williams,
who like Bowen hails from west Wales.
Brian Lee

Bridge results

THE results
for the Vale of
Glamorgan Bridge
Club for January
4 are as follows:
First, Debbie and
Simon Richards, 60.80
per cent; second, Mike
Best and Kevin Maddox,
59.44 per cent; third,
Phil Felman and Tony
Disney, 58.15 per cent.
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Barry Beavers back in the 'swim' of things

BARRY Beavers Disabled Swimming
Club resumed on January 12 after the
Christmas break, starting at an earlier
time of 3.30pm.
The session went past quickly and there were
some new faces.
On January 23, some members went to the Vale
Volunteering event at the Memo Arts Centre, and on
January 30 three members of the club went to Barry
Football Club to receive a cheque of £150 for the
club from the Barry Round Table. This was money
raised from the Santa Sleigh collection.
Currently, Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming
Club need a voluntary fundraiser. To find out more
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A victory under pressure for Barry seconds

BARRY RFC seconds returned to action following a weekend of inactivity with Caerau Ely their visitors.

With Glyn Pirso in sole charge for the weekend, he welcomed back Chris Deyes and Rhys O'Sullivan into the starting line up for some much needed experience, while new signing Ashton Allen awaited his debut from the replacements bench.

With a more settled side, Barry tried to start the match with a pace that would put their opponents in the back foot.

However, it was Caerau who came out on top in the early exchanges, and it was only a bit of away indiscipline that cost them a chance in opening the scoring when they were camped on top of Barry's line.

Undeterred, Caerau continued probing and this time they gathered more patience and composure in their attack, resulting in a successful drop goal opportunity to give them the early advantage.

Rattled, Barry rallied and utilised the direct running of Dave Provis and Dominic Busuttil in midfield, instantly causing havoc in the Caerau defence.

Opportunities were created but were thwarted by a combination of excellent last ditch tackling and the ball not sticking to hands.

Eventually, the pressure had to tell. Barry turned the screw in the scrum with the front row of O'Sullivan, Bowditch and Brooke dominant. The resultant territory and possession saw Busuttil crash through to score. Richie O'Sullivan was successful with the conversion to give Barry the lead.

Barry now had the momentum with them and fully capitalised. With the Caerau defence on the back foot once again, it was down to Luke Hewitson to finish off a fine move to score his second try of the season. O'Sullivan made no mistake from the tee to increase Barry's lead.

If Barry were expecting an easy ride from then on they were gravely mistaken. Caerau came back either side of the interval to continue to question the Barry defence in both tight and out wide.

Having reduced the deficit with an unconverted try, Caerau looked to complete their comeback but the pressure was relieved when scrum-half Tom Cotter scored his first try for the club to give Barry some breathing space. The extras were missed.

Caerau came back again with another unconverted try to bring the game back within one score, but Barry held out for their first win of the calendar year, the final score 19-11.

This weekend there are no games at Reservoir Field due to Six Nations, but all games will be screened live at the clubhouse.

Squad: Ryan; Mephram, Provis, Busuttil, Hewitson; Rich O'Sullivan, Cotter; Rhys O'Sullivan, Bowditch, Brooke; Hall, Deyes; Jones, Morris, Rolfe.

Replacements: Ring, Corson, Allen, M O'Sullivan.

Last Saturday's game at Aberdare was postponed for the first team due to the weather and will be rescheduled for later in the season. Barry's next league fixture will be on February 16 when they travel to play Llantwit Fardre, who currently sit above Barry in the table.

A coach will leave the club at 12.30pm, ready for the kick off at 2.30pm.

On the day Wales face England, February 23, the club will be providing free curry during the afternoon, all are welcome to join us on the day.

The lottery rolls over again this week to £3,650 after last week's numbers of 02, 07, 09 and 24 failed to produce a winner. One ticket matched three numbers to win £10.

KC/AJ



JUDITH DUTTON was on hand to capture the action as Barry RFC seconds faced Caerau Ely seconds on Saturday.

Rain doesn't stop St Mary's senior section

LAST week at St Mary's Golf Club, the Senior Section's first competition was scheduled to be a Greensome foursomes; the weather, however, had other ideas.

With just a dozen of the more intrepid members prepared to venture out in the early morning light rain, and with the promise of it becoming heavier through the morning, the format was quickly switched to an individual Stableford competition to be played over just 12 holes.

In spite of the very wet and muddy conditions, some

good scores were returned.

Roger Hatton continued his run of good new year form by making birdie at the difficult par four 17th hole, a feat matched by Trefor Jones. The third birdie of the day was scored by former captain, Hugh Williams on the 155 yard par three 18th.

At the close of play, three players were tied for second place on the equivalent par score of 24 points for 12 holes, but following a back four count back, Trefor Jones was declared runner-up. After a fine round, Hatton's brother Phil claimed the victory with 26 points.

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Horse dies after Sandown Park hurdle race

IT was a sad day at Sandown Park last Saturday for Mr and Mrs William Rucker, the owners of De Dollar Man, trained in the Vale by Evan Williams.

The eight-year-old gelding was mortally injured when contesting the 888Sport Contenders Hurdle Race won by the long-odds on favourite Buteur D'Air.

A winner over hurdles and fences, a National Hunt flat race and a point-to-point, De Dollar Man, who was ridden by Grand National winning jockey Leighton Aspell, will be sadly

missed at Williams' Llancarfan yard.

The 888Sport Heroes Handicap Hurdle, worth £56,270 to the winner went to the Peter Bowen-trained Lord Napier who, ridden by his son Sean Bowen, won by nine lengths from Coole Cody at odds of 8-1.

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Man of the match Howe leads Athletic to victory

MAN of the match, Bridgend Athletic captain Ben Howe, led his side to a bonus point 26-15 win over Porth Harlequins in this Division One East Central fixture, avenging a controversial 20-18 loss earlier in the season.

The Athletic are now showing last season's form when they finished third in Division One West Central with their fifth win in the last six games moving them to fifth place in the table.

It was the visitors who started on the front foot and took a third minute lead with a penalty from Jordan Evans. The Athletic responded with centre Tom Davies penetrating the first line of defence and running strongly into the Porth 22.

Porth managed to halt the move but conceded a five-metre line out. Hooker Lee Murphy found lock Ben Cording and, against a far heavier pack, the Athletic drove a maul towards the visitors' line, with Howe in possession.

Twisting and turning from left to right the Athletic drove over the whitewash for Howe to claim the try. Outside

half Stuart Floyd-Ellis converted to put his side 7-3 ahead. Unfortunately, Athletic scrum half Aled Thomas injured his shoulder in a tackle during the move and was replaced by Dan James.

Porth quickly replied. They went blind from a ruck inside the Athletic 22 for centre Leon Rowlands to cut back inside and cross under the posts. Evans' conversion put Porth 10-7 ahead.

There was little to choose between the sides until in the 37th minute when Athletic no 8 Ben Davies broke from the back of a scrum on half-way and threw a pass out to wing Tom James.

Porth scrambled the ball into touch for a five-metre Athletic line-out. The visitors halted the initial drive but scrum half Dan James fed Floyd-Ellis, who popped a pass to Ben Davies who in turn found hooker Lee Murphy.

Murphy drove for the line and when held just short popped a pass to the supporting flanker Howe to drive over for his seventh try of the season. Floyd-Ellis converted to give the Athletic a 14-10 interval lead.

Howe then turned provider. He ripped a ball from a Porth player on halfway and chipped to



Captain Ben Howe's second try against Porth. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANNON.

the corner flag. Good following up by Howe and James saw Porth forced into touch just short of the line.

A driving maul was halted but James broke blind to feed Ben Davies who crashed through defenders to cross in the corner. After making the score 19-10, Davies left the field to be replaced by Joe Grabham.

Both sides were attempting to play open rugby, making for a good spectacle. Despite Porth having a far larger pack and enjoying plenty of possession, their scrum got no change from the Athletic front row of props Matthew Muir, Wayne Fooks, replacement Matthew Norman and hooker Murphy, with Murphy winning an important strike against

Floyd-Ellis converted the bonus point try to give the Athletic a 26-10 lead.

Porth hit back two minutes, later taking a quick tap penalty inside the Athletic 22 and moving the ball wide for their second try to reduce the deficit to 26-15.

The visitors then threw everything into attack looking for a losing bonus point, but were unable to penetrate a determined and well-organised Athletic defence and had to return home empty-handed.

In a great team performance, Athletic coaches John Apsee and David Williams singled out the three Bens - Howe, Cording and Davies and hooker Murphy - in the pack while Stuart Floyd-Ellis, returning from the Ravens for the day, had a very good game dictating play from outside half.

Coach Gerald Williams summed up, saying: "We were outstanding in defence and clinical in attack, taking our opportunities when we were inside the Porth 22."

This Saturday ahead of the Italy v Wales International the Athletic visit third-placed Dinas Powys for a rearranged Division One East Central fixture - kick off 1pm.

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Ben Davies powers over for try against Porth.

A 'wheely' good week for Tondy Wheelers and Y Bont charity

LOCAL cycling club 'Tondy Wheelers' pushed themselves to the limit on their recent 'Rudolph Ride'.

The event was attended by more than 60 cyclists on their journey around the Vale and there were lots of activities afterwards at Tondy RFC, including darts, raffles and pool.

The club would like to thank everyone who attended the Rudolph Ride and made it such a success. Special

thanks goes to K2 Gym Bridgend, Cobbles Deli and Tondy RFC for facilitating the event.

Tondy Wheelers have supported local charity Y Bont for the third year running and this year raised £501 to support the family centre for babies and children with additional needs.

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A tale of the unexpected as Wales conjure up a startling win in France

Match report by Philip Irwin



Josh Adams, about to put Tomos Williams in for his try.

AT the end of this remarkable game in the Stade de France, Welsh centre Jonathan Davies approached his former club-mate at Clermont Auvergne, Camille Lopez, and it's a pretty fair bet that the first line was: "What the hell just happened?"

Either player could have said it, and I'm not sure whether they converse in French or English, but they must have shared a sense of bemusement after a plot line that could have been devised by Roald Dahl.

At the end of the first half Wales looked shell-shocked. They had spilled a hatful of passes, and had even contrived to turn a penalty in their favour with 20 seconds on the clock into a scoring opportunity for France, which Lopez had taken with a 30-metre drop goal.

It was 16 - 0 to France. At half time all Wales fans could do was repeat, in hope: "Wales need to score first or it's all over."

The first half confounded all expectations. France had picked a big pack, with Morgan Parra to chip away at Wales behind them, so 15-man rugby was unlikely. To confirm that expectation, the heavens opened and it went on to rain for the 80 minutes.

However, France had other ideas. Among their new caps were the sons of two French internationals, centre Romain Ntamack (son of wing/full back Emile) and wing Damian Penaud (son of fly half Alain), and they intended to use them.

Defying the down-pour, they moved the ball back and fore across the field, with open side Arthur Iturria particularly prominent

and Wales were forced to defend for much of the first half.

In contrast, the Welsh treated the ball as if it were a bar of soap, spilling it in and out of contact far too many times.

It had started well for Wales. They put France under pressure straight away, but Louis Picamoles gave notice of what was to come by making ground when it mattered. Then, the massive French pack was penalised at the first scrum after three minutes, giving Wales a period of possession.

This ended when Wales won a line out and, from an attacking position, the pass from Gareth Anscombe to Hadleigh Parkes went astray. France seized the ball and went through several phases with backs and forwards combining brilliantly.

Finally, they moved the ball wide and found Picamoles on the wing about 15 metres out, and he burst through two tacklers to score. Parra, uncharacteristically, missed the conversion.

Three minutes later he failed with a straight-forward penalty from 35 metres, and four minutes later, Anscombe missed from a similar distance.

The alarm bells were not ringing too loudly for Wales and this point, and things looked good two minutes later when flanker Josh Navidi stole the ball and Wales mounted an attack. It didn't seem to be too dangerous, but full back Liam Williams timed his entry into the line perfectly and cut through.

He had Jonathan Davies outside but, as a defender was poised to tackle the centre, his decision to go it alone was probably correct. It certainly looked that way as his momentum took him over the line.

Anscombe was keen to take the conversion, but referee Wayne Barnes was alerted by



ABOVE: Wales thought they had taken the lead in the first half, but Liam Williams was ruled to have nudged the ball forward as he crossed the line. (All photographs by the Huw Evans Agency).

the crowd's reaction to the replay, sent it to the TMO Rowan Kitt, and the answer was that he had fumbled it slightly as he crossed the line.

Wales still had the chance to put pressure on France at the five-metre scrum, but they gave away two successive penalties.

Soon after, starting from a Penaud break, France put together a slick handling move and Iturria, in the process of being tackled, dangled the ball out just enough to tempt Wales wing George North, before slipping a great back-of-the-hand pass to Yoann Huget, who raced over in the corner.

Parra missed the conversion, so it was 10 - 0 to France.

Liam Williams was looking Wales' most dangerous attacker and he created a chance when he took a great catch (aided by a Josh Adams' block that the referee missed) and cut through once again. For a split second, scrum half Tomos Williams was in support and looked as if he had a clear run in, but Williams did not spot him.

Two minutes later, Anscombe had another kickable penalty, but this went astray, and France were back on the attack. Penaud chipped through and Liam Williams was hounded by full back Maxime Medard, who took him over the line. Wales were penalised in front of their posts and, surprisingly, Parra was not given the chance to get back in the groove, Lopez kicking the three points instead.

Another French attack, with Huget prominent again, led to Wales conceding another penalty. France declined, opting to kick into the



ABOVE: Tomos Williams goes over for a second half try, after being there to take a scoring pass from Josh Adams, who had spotted a gap in the French fringe defence.

corner. Wales did, at least, defend the driving maul against the huge French forwards, and match summariser Paul O'Connell described it as a "big moment".

You were not wrong there, Paul.

There was time, however, for Gareth Anscombe to miss touch with a penalty, and France moved the ball close enough to the Welsh line for Lopez to drop a goal and make it 16 - 0.

Warren Gatland's half time talk must have said more than "stop dropping the ball" - otherwise we would all be coaches - but Wales did stop dropping the ball.

A steady spell of possession early in the second half was not looking particularly dangerous, until wing Josh Adams came inside looking for work, and spotted the giant lock, Paul Willemse in the line, defending close to the ruck.

Adams backed his pace, broke the tackle and was in the clear

with only Medard in front of him, and Tomos Williams was in support again, this time getting the pass and crossing for Wales' first score. Anscombe converted for 16 - 7.

On 52 minutes, things got better for Wales. Parkes' kick through left Huget hoping the ball would cross the line so he could touch down, but it cruelly jumped back at him, slipping through his hands and giving George North the try.

Anscombe converted to make it 16 - 14, but that was his last contribution at outside-half, as he and Tomos Williams were taken off, substituted by Gareth Davies and Dan Biggar.

It looked even better for Wales on 55 minutes, as Jonathan Davies made a break. Biggar took it on and No 8 Ross Moriarty burst through - only for the try to be cancelled out when Alun Wyn Jones was ruled to have taken out Picamoles, as the French No 8 attempted a tackle.



George North races away to score the winning try for Wales after intercepting an 'ambitious' French pass.

Two minutes later, however, Biggar kicked a 30-metre penalty to give Wales the lead at 17 - 16.

On 66 minutes, Anscombe returned as a blood replacement when Liam Williams and Picamoles clashed heads, accidentally, and Williams came off worse.

On 70 minutes, openside flanker Justin Tipuric, who was everywhere, charged down a drop goal attempt by Lopez, but the ball spun away to French replacement Felix Lambey, who almost made the line. At the resultant scrum, Wales were penalised and Lopez made it 19 - 17 to France.

France took heart from this and started to look dangerous again. They were still intent on moving the ball wide, and it proved their undoing.

Getting the ball in a good attacking position on Wales' 22, they managed to throw three poor passes in a row as the ball crawled along

the line.

The third (and fatal) pass proved that old adage that tight five forwards are not always an asset in the three-quarter line. Second row Sebastian Vahaamahina's effort was in the air for as long as it takes to pronounce his name, with Huget transfixed as it came to him in slow motion.

Unfortunately for France, George North was moving in real time and he intercepted and was gone, with no real pursuer as he raced 70 metres to go over under the posts. Biggar converted to make it 24 - 19.

The final minutes were not easy watching for Welsh fans. France pressed, but did not really threaten to score. A line out 12 metres out led to three promising phases before they knocked on, and later France had a scrum near the Welsh line, but did not push straight and were penalised.

At the last, France put together 13 phases,

without making much yardage, and eventually the ball was spilled and Gareth Davies gratefully booted it into touch.

It was a win, but one that left a lot of questions hanging in the air.

This French side, if given a vote of confidence, could really trouble Ireland and England, but the French are not noted for settled team selection.

From the Welsh point of view, Warren Gatland's tongue-in-cheek remark about how "Wales have forgotten how to lose" was one for the fans, but I suspect the team will asked for a lot more focus and purpose as the Six Nations progress.

NOTE: A line I wish I had written. In the first half, I noted "The ball is greasy for Wales but dry for France". Accurate but not a phrase worth repeating, so hats off to Will Kelleher of the Daily Mail who came up with "The ball seemed to be covered in Vaseline for Wales, and Velcro for France".